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Obituary.

LIFE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS DECEASED.

1878-9.

DIRECTORS.

Ambler, Rev. J. V., Philadelphia, Pa.
Devan, Mrs. Emma E., New Brunswick, N. J.
Davis, Rev. Ebenezer S., Utica, N. Y.
Dowling, Rev. John, D.D., New York.
Jones, Rev. Henry V., New Brunswick, N. J.
Magoon, Mrs. E. L., Philadelphia, Pa.
Malcom, Rev. Howard, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Marshall, Rev. Enos, Clarkson, N. Y.
Munn, Wm. H., New York.
Raymond, John H., LL.D., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Shoards, Joseph F., New York.
Smith, Rev. Edgar, Auburn, N. Y.
Townsend, Palmer, Holland Patent, N. Y.
Ward, Uzal D., Newark, N. J.
Wright, Rev. Lyman, D.D., Binghamton, N. Y.

MEMBERS

Allen, Alanson, Fairhaven, Vt.
Brown, Samuel, Richmond, Va.
Bulkley, Mrs. Justus, Upper Alton, Ills.
Colby, Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Cooke, Thomas, Middletown, Conn.
Crosman, Nathan, Elbridge, N. Y.
Ely, Wm. M., Holmdel, N. J.
Everett, Benj. C., Philadelphia, Pa.
Forby, William F., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Fox, Mrs. Julia A., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
Fyfe, Rev. Robert A., D.D., Woodstock, Conn.
Gifford, Rev. Isaac S., Berlin, N. Y.
Hatfield, Robert G., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Hunt, Mrs. Emmeline A., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Jones, Mrs. Sarah, New York.
Matteson, Rev. L. Jerome, D. D., Cortland, N. Y.
Mills, Rev. E., Norwalk, Ohio.
Mixter, Rev. George, Three Rivers, Mass.
Peterson, Richard E., New York.
Richards, C., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Richardson, Rev. John, Busti, Me.
Steward, Rev. Lanson, Plano, Ills.
Shaller, Hezekiah, Haddam, Conn.
Sym, Rev. William, Binghamton, N. Y.
Taylor, Mrs. Ann B., Holmdel, N. J.
Timberman, Rev. Jacob, Williamsburg, N. Y.
Whipple, Mrs. Phebe, Providence, R. I.
White, Ebenezer B., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Winslow, Rev. Octavius, D.D., Brighton, Eng.
Winter, Rev. John, Sharon, Pa.

STATED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, 1879-80.

Second Monday in each month, at three o'clock P. M.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD.

1. All meetings shall be opened with prayer, after which the roll shall be called.
2. All Committees shall be nominated by the presiding officer, and approved by the Executive Board, unless otherwise specially ordered.
3. No moneys shall be paid out of the Treasury but by order of the Executive Board.
4. All resolutions, if required, shall be presented in writing.
5. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Executive Board, the fact shall be entered on the minutes, and, at the next stated meeting, the Board shall proceed to fill such vacancy by ballot.
6. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairman of the Board, or by a Corresponding Secretary of the Society, upon the written request of three or more members of the Board. But no business shall be transacted at such special meetings other than that specified in the call.
7. No By-Law of the Board shall be suspended for any temporary purpose, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Prayer.
 2. Calling of the Roll.
 3. Reading of the Minutes of last Meeting.
 4. Report of Treasurer.
 5. Communications from the Corresponding Secretary.
 6. Reports from Standing Committees.
 7. Miscellaneous Business.
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STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.

J. B. HOYT,
JOHN H. DEANE,
S. S. CONSTANT,
WM. A. CAULDWELL,
JOS. BROKAW.

MISSIONS.

E. LATHROP,
J. F. ELDER,
E. T. HISCOX,
D. B. JUTTEN,
J. B. THOMAS.

EDUCATION.

N. BISHOP,
T. D. ANDERSON,
D. READ,
JOHN H. DEANE,
EMORY J. HAYNES.

CHURCH EDIFICE.

W. H. PARMLY,
WM. PHELPS,
J. Q. PREBLE,
I. G. JOHNSON,
JOS. BROKAW.

ADVISORY.

A. B. CAPWELL,
J. B. HOYT,
H. L. MOREHOUSE,
T. D. ANDERSON,
N. BISHOP.

Officers of the Society and Executive Board.

OFFICERS.

President—HON. WILLIAM STICKNEY, D. C.

Vice-Presidents—{ HON. JESSE P. BISHOP, Ohio.
SAMUEL COLGATE, Esq., N. J.

Treasurer—JOSEPH B. HOYT, Esq., Conn.

Auditors—{ WILLIAM PHELPS, Esq., N. Y.
JOSEPH BROKAW, Esq., N. Y.

Corresponding Secretary—REV. HENRY L. MOREHOUSE.

Recording Secretary—REV. D. B. JUTTEN, N. Y.

MANAGERS.

FIRST CLASS, expiring in 1880.

REV. THOS. D. ANDERSON, D.D., New York.

REV. J. B. THOMAS, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

J. Q. PREBLE, Esq., New York.

ISAAC G. JOHNSON, Yonkers, N. Y.

REV. EMORY J. HAYNES, Brooklyn, N. Y.

SECOND CLASS, expiring in 1881.

WM. A. CAULDWELL, Esq., New York.

REV. E. T. HISCOX, D.D., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

REV. E. LATHROP, D.D., Stamford, Conn.

NATHAN BISHOP, LL.D., New York.

JOHN H. DEANE, Esq., New York.

THIRD CLASS, expiring in 1882.

REV. W. H. PARMLY, D.D., Jersey City, N. J.

REV. J. F. ELDER, D.D., New York.

A. B. CAPWELL, Esq., Brooklyn, N. Y.

S. S. CONSTANT, Esq., New York.

REV. DANIEL READ, LL.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Chairman of the Executive Board.

A. B. CAPWELL.

Recording Secretary of the Board.

J. GREENWOOD SNELLING.

Assistant Treasurer.

JAMES M. WHITEHEAD.

Assistant Treasurer Church Edifice Fund.

J. GREENWOOD SNELLING.

Joseph B. Hoyt, Treasurer, in account with

Dr.

1878. April 1.	To Balance—Church Edifice Fund.....	\$12,844 20
	“ Cash received on account of Mis- sions and Education, as per de- tailed statement.....	\$161,632 69
	“ Cash received on account of Church Edifice Fund, as per detailed statement.....	55,461 21
	Total receipts.....	217,093 90
	“ Balance—Missions and Education.....	30,597 67
		<u>\$260,535 77</u>

1879. April 1.	To Balance—Church Edifice Fund.....	\$7,752 52
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CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

1878. April 1.	To Balance.....	\$12,844 20
	“ Contributions since.....	3,794 44
	“ Legacies.....	200 00
	“ Rent of Real Estate.....	379 00
	“ Interest on Loans.....	11,342 72
	“ Loans Repaid.....	39,745 05
		<u>\$68,305 41</u>

1879. April 1.	To Balance.....	\$7,752 52
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1879.			
March 31.	By Balance—Missions and Education.....		\$45,433 18
	“ Cash paid on account of Missions and Education, as per detailed statement.....	\$146,797 18	
	“ Cash paid on account of Church Edifice Fund, as per detailed statement.....	60,552 89	
	Total Expenditures.....		207,350 07
	“ Balance—Church Edifice Fund.....		7,752 52
			<u>\$260,535 77</u>
1879.			
April 1.	By Balance—Missions and Education.....		\$30,597 67

CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

1879.			
March 31.	By Cash—Loans made during the year.....		\$30,758 72
	“ “ Paid Corresponding Secretary—		
	Salary.....	\$600 00	
	Expenses.....	29 52	629 52
	“ “ Paid Assistant Treasurers and Clerks at the Rooms.....		1,152 21
	“ “ Missionaries to insure care of Loans....		4,427 58
	“ “ Incidental Expenses.....		545 29
	“ “ Postage.....		143 35
	“ “ Rent of Rooms.....		308 35
	“ “ Home Mission Monthly.....		145 46
	“ “ Interest on Bonds.....		1,027 88
	“ “ “ to Illinois General Association.		1,128 13
	“ “ Expenses on Real Estate, including Taxes, etc....		1,001 32
	“ “ Paid “General Fund” by order of the Board.....		19,285 08
	“ “ Balance.....		7,752 52
			<u>\$68,305 41</u>

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

NEW YORK, May 6th, 1879.

NOTE.—Of the above contributions, the sum of \$12,312.74 was received from Students in the Schools for expenses, and \$151.00 for endowments.

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MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

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1878.
April 1.

By Balance, as per last Report.....		\$45,433 18
" Cash paid Missionaries, since.....		31,992 56
" " Chinese mission in California.....		250 00
" " Corresponding Secretary—Salary.....	\$2,400 00	
" " Traveling expenses.....	118 06	
		2,518 06
" " District Secretaries—Salaries.....	\$10,191 64	
" " Expenses.....	1,983 74	
		12,175 38
" " Assistant Treasurers and Clerks at Rooms		4,583 85
" " Expense account—Incidental.....	\$935 51	
" " Printing and Stationery.....	357 00	
" " Postage.....	573 41	
" " Insurance.....	23 09	
" " Home Mission Monthly.....	1,435 69	
" " Rent of Rooms.....	1,233 32	
		4,558 02
" " Interest on Borrowed Money.....		3,975 40
" " Bonds.....		4,842 18
" " Designated Funds—Missions.....		2,254 47
" " Freedmen.....		533 07
" " Investment, Isaac Davis Fund.....		5,000 00
" " Expense attending care of Real Estate,		
" " Taxes, etc.....		1,145 76
" " Expense attending Foreclosure of Mort-		
" " gages, including Taxes, Legal Ex-		
" " penses, etc., etc.....		4,570 69
" " Trust Funds awaiting Investment.....		16,152 62
" " Superintendent of Missions to the Freed-		
" " men—Salary.....	\$453 38	
" " Expenses.....	112 60	
		565 98
" " Government Schools—Indian Territory..		1,006 57
" " Wayland Seminary—Salaries.....	\$2,961 66	
" " Insurance.....	409 70	
" " Expenses paid by Students..	781 03	
" " Expenses paid by Society..	1,668 21	
		5,820 60
" " Wayland Building.....		516 27
" " Richmond Institute—Salaries.....	\$2,930 00	
" " Insurance.....	202 72	
" " Expenses paid by Students..	1,371 94	
" " Expenses paid by Society..	2,484 77	
		6,979 43
" " Augusta Institute—Salaries.....	\$2,280 00	
" " Expenses paid by Students.....	75 25	
" " Expenses paid by Society..	1,481 00	
		3,836 25
" " Shaw University—Salaries.....	\$3,780 00	
" " Insurance.....	525 70	
" " Expenses paid by Students.....	2,816 35	
" " Expenses paid by Society..	1,625 00	
		8,747 05
" " Benedict Institute—Salaries.....	\$3,528 24	
" " Expenses paid by Students.....	612 83	
" " Expenses paid by Society..	1,327 36	
		5,468 45
" " Nashville Institute—Salaries.....	\$4,697 17	
" " Insurance.....	34 53	
" " Expenses paid by Students.....	6,028 19	
" " Expenses paid by Society..	2,492 22	
		13,252 11
" " Natchez Seminary—Salaries.....	\$1,824 87	
" " Insurance.....	12 75	
" " Expenses paid by Students.....	627 13	
" " Expenses paid by Society..	544 09	
		3,008 84
" " Leland University—Salaries.....	\$3,000 00	
" " Designated.....	43 57	
		3,043 57
		\$192,230 36

1879.
April 1.

By Balance..... \$30,597 67

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE SOCIETY.

1. *Real Estate.*

Under this head we present two classes of property—

First.—Such as are in use for Freedmen work :

Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C.

Benedict Institute, Columbia, S. C.

Augusta Institute, Augusta, Ga.

Nashville Institute, Nashville, Tenn.

Natchez Seminary, Natchez, Miss.

Leland University, at New Orleans; Shaw University, at Raleigh, N. C., and Richmond Institute, at Richmond, Va., are each incorporated, and their property is managed by a Board of Trustees. We are still, however, co-operating with them in paying the salaries of teachers and other current expenses.

Second.—Such lands as the Society has received by donations and otherwise.

Three pieces of property in Nashville, Tenn.

360 acres Marathon county, Wisconsin.

5 “ St. Helena, South Carolina.

Land in Colorado (Potter devise).

“ Wakefield, Massachusetts.

“ Sault St. Marie, Michigan.

“ Chautauqua county, Kansas.

* Three houses and lots in Brooklyn, N. Y.

* Two pieces of property in Long Island City, N. Y.

Land in Allegan, Mich.

A house and lot, Winona, Minnesota.

Your Board intend to sell these lands as soon as purchasers can be found to buy them at reasonable prices.

2. *Permanent Trust Funds.*

By those we mean donations to the Society, to be invested, and the interest alone applied annually to the purposes of the Society.

G. N. Blecker	\$6,000 00	End. Benedict Institute	\$17,185 16
Martha Whiting	1,000 00	“ Shaw University	66 00
Horace Kendall	1,000 00	“ Wayland Seminary	39 50
Miss Mary A. M. Swain	9,400 00	Mrs. Emily S. Colby	700 00
Tberon Fisk	2,500 00	George J. Sherman	1,000 00
Mrs. Susan Tripp	500 00	Rev. S. S. Bradford	1,000 00
Henry Darling	1,600 00	Mrs. H. E. Axtell	311 11
Mrs. Eliza Roberts	3,000 00	Lyman Eldridge	75 00
Wm. Ham	100 00	Isaac Davis, to constitute the	
Levi Selleck	1,000 00	“ Isaac Davis Fund ”	5,000 00
Nancy Pease	1,000 00		
End. Richmond Institute	2,703 24	Total	\$55,615 28
“ General	1,035 27		

* Titles derived from foreclosure or settlement of mortgages, and the property held for Trust Fund.

3. Conditional Trust Funds.

By these we mean donations to the Society on conditions named by the donors:

(1.) That the donors themselves have the right to draw the interest semi-annually during their natural life.

(2.) Interest payable to parties designated by the donors.

(3.) Donations, the interest of which is to be added to the principal until such time as the donors shall direct said sums to be spent for the purposes of the Society.

Charles H. Nicholls.....	\$400 00	Rev. C. H. Corey	\$500 00
† ————	9,000 00	Mrs. B. M. Davis	500 00
o Eliza Skaats	1,500 00	† ————	2,860 00
Benjamin Cressy	1,000 00	Mrs. B. A. Benedict	10,000 00
James B. Simmons	1,723 51	Belinda Sanford	500 00
Augusta Building.....	1,144 61	† ————	20,000 00
Ebenezer Morgan.....	500 00	Miss R. M. Mathias	400 00
Mrs. Almira Norton.....	1,000 00	Mrs. Lucy T. Woolsey	400 00
Mrs. S. B. Page.....	1,000 00	Miss Emily Peaslee	900 00
M. E. Gray.....	9,000 00	Mrs. Sarah A. Willard	500 00
Harriet E. Darrow.....	55 50	Rev. J. N. Webb	3,000 00
† ————	2,000 00	† ————	1,000 00
Mrs. Mary E. Parmly.....	200 00	† ————	500 00
Mrs. Mary B. Herrick	300 00	† ————	750 00
Mrs. L. W. Lewis.....	500 00	Mrs. Olive E. Merrick	631 35
Mrs. Olive S. Brown.....	500 00	John Thomson	428 57
Mrs. Martha Wilson.....	500 00	Miss Ruby Wetherbee	1,000 00
Wm. Masters	3,500 00	Rev. Israel Harris	450 00
† ————	900 00	Chas. K. McKee	3,000 00
H. Hensen.....	500 00	Flavel C. Mack.....	1,000 00
Rev. E. Savage.....	2,000 00	David Barrell	500 00
Miss Emily Sanford.....	1,000 00	Mrs. Elizabeth Lea	100 00
C. Pond	1,000 00	Mrs. Mary Luther	600 00
S. Wicks	1,000 00	Mrs. Hannah B. Knight	500 00
† ————	6,512 37		
Mrs. Perses Andrews.....	500 00	Total	\$97,255 91

4. Church Edifice Fund.

Loans to Churches and Investments on account of the Fund.	\$205,880 96
Loaned to General Fund.....	16,000 00
Interest due	26,347 13
Cash on hand.....	7,752 52
Real Estate (estimated).....	2,000 00

Total Fund..... \$257,980 61

* Two-thirds of this amount is held in trust, to be equally divided between the Am. Bap. Miss'y Union and the Am. and For. Bible Society.

† Donors who do not wish their names made public.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

American Baptist Home Mission Society.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y. May 29th, 1879.

The Forty-seventh Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, was held in the meeting house of the First Baptist Church, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., on Thursday, May 29th, 1879, commencing at 2.30 P. M.

In the absence of the President, Hon R. O. Fuller of Mass., the first Vice-President, Hon. William Stickney of D. C., presided. The hymn "Our country's voice is pleading" was sung, the Scriptures were read by Rev. H. J. Pervear of Mass., and prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Foster of Mass.

After an address by the presiding officer the Society proceeded to business.

The Annual Report was presented by Dr. Cutting, the Corresponding Secretary, and, on motion, it was adopted. Dr. Cutting then asked the privilege of making an additional statement to the Society. The privilege was granted, and he read a paper setting forth the condition and work of the Society since he entered upon the office of Corresponding Secretary.*

It was voted that the usual Committees be appointed at this time, and that all the Committees be appointed by the Chair

* This statement is published in the documents of this Report by order of the Executive Board. See p. 41.

unless otherwise ordered at the time. The following Committees were then appointed:

On Arrangements—Rev. George A. Smith, N. Y.; C. P. Sheldon, D.D., N. Y.; H. F. Smith, D.D., N. J.; C. W. Annable, D.D., Mass.; Rev. W. Reid, N. Y.

On Nominations—Hon. J. L. Howard, Ct.; Hon. J. M. S. Williams, Mass.; Hon. J. M. Hoyt, Ohio; E. T. Hiscox, D.D., N. Y.; E. Bright, D.D., N. Y.; G. W. Northrup, D.D., Ill.; O. H. Greenleaf, Mass.

On Indian Missions—E. G. Taylor, D.D., R. I.; S. W. Marston, D.D. Mo.; H. L. Wayland, D.D., Pa.; Rev. W. S. C. Rhoades, Ohio; Rev. R. L. Luther, Vt.

On the Freedmen—Nathan Bishop, LL.D. N. Y.; C. B. Crane, D.D., Mass.; John Peddie, D.D. Ill.; J. T. Champlin, D.D., Wm. Bucknell, Pa.

On Chinese Missions—Rev. B. S. McLafferty, Cal.; M. H. Bixby, D.D., R. I.; Rev. O. B. True, Ct.; Rev. A. H. Mabie, Mass.; Rev. I. N. Carman, Iowa.

On Obituaries—S. F. Smith, D.D., Mass.; A. S. Patton, D.D., N. Y.; J. H. Castle, D.D., Canada; W. H. Cathcart, D.D., Pa.; Rev. C. Vibbard, Vt.

On Enrollment—Rev. Z. Grenell, Wis.; S. B. Page, D.D., Ohio; Rev. E. A. Woods, R. I.; Rev. A. Coit, N. Y.; Rev. J. M. Taylor, Ct.

It was voted that that part of the Annual Report referring to "Western Missions" be referred to a special Committee.

Dr. G. C. Lorimer, Ill., moved that a special Committee be appointed to consider that part of the Report referring to "Women's Home Mission Societies," and to report this evening at eight o'clock. Motion carried.

Dr. W. W. Everts, N. J., desired to present a paper to the Society on "Church Extension." It was referred, without being read, to a special Committee. A letter that Dr. D. B. Cheney, Ill., wished to have read was referred, without being read, to the special Committee on "Women's Missions."

On motion of Dr. Cutting, N. Y., that portion of the Report referring to mission work to non-English speaking peoples, except the Indians and the Chinese, was referred to a special Committee.

The Chair announced the following Special Committees.

On Women's Missions—G. C. Lorimer, D.D., Ill.; Lemuel Moss, D.D., Ind.; S. W. Duncan, D.D., Ohio; J. B. Thomas, D.D., N. Y.; Elias H. Johnson, D.D., R. I.; S. Haskell, D.D., Mich.; J. H. Griffith, D.D., N. Y.

On Western Missions—W. M. Haigh, D.D., Ill.; D. B. Cheney, D.D., Ill.; W. W. Everts, D.D., N. J.; Franklin Johnson, D.D., Mass.; J. F. Elder, D.D., N. Y.; Wayland Hoyt, D.D., N. Y.; Rev. O. C. Williams, Neb.

On Church Extension—D. G. Corey, D.D., N. Y.; Halsey Knapp, D.D., N. Y.; D. W. Faunce, D.D., N. H.; Rev. H. J. Pervear, Mass.; Hiram Miller, N. Y.

On Missions to Non-English Speaking Peoples.—Rev. R. S. MacArthur, N. Y.; G. J. Johnson, D.D., Pa.; William Hagne, D.D., Mass.; T. J. Goodspeed, D.D., Ill.; Rev. J. N. Williams, Mass.

Rev. S. W. Marston, D.D., superintendent of work among the Freedmen, addressed the Society on "The need of Education among the Freedmen of the South."

It was voted that the usual "Standing Committees," for the next Annual Meeting, be appointed during this Meeting.

Rev. Wayland Hoyt, D.D., N. Y., addressed the Society on "Frontier Missions in the Northwest."

The following telegram was received from the Georgia Baptist Missionary Convention, in session at Atlanta, Ga., and was read before the Society.

"The Georgia Baptist Missionary Convention sends christian salutation. Your plan for organizing the Seminary enthusiastically adopted. Psalm one hundred and seventeen."

FRANK QUARLES, *Pres't.*

The Psalm referred to was then read by Dr. Cutting.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Johnson, of Mass., was added to the Committee on Women's Home Mission Societies.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. C. Stockbridge, D.D., R. I.

EVENING SESSION.

The Society met according to adjournment at 7:30 P.M. The hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. C. Osborne, D.D., Mass.

The Committee on Arrangements presented, through Rev. Geo. A. Smith, the following report:

That to-morrow the Society reassemble at 10 A.M., and that the Committee on Nominations report by printed ballot at 11 o'clock, and that the election of Officers take place at that hour." Adopted. The Society then listened to an address by Rev. W. M. Haigh, D.D., Ill., on "The Claims of the Northwest," after which the hymn "Rescue the Perishing" was sung.

The Committee on Women's Home Mission Societies, through Rev. Dr. Lorimer, reported as follows:

After consulting with representatives from the various Woman's Home Mission Organizations, and considering the documents which have been brought before us, we have agreed to recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we instruct the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society to perfect a plan of organization for a Woman's National Home Mission Society; that this new Society shall assume the distinctive work now being prosecuted by existing Women's Organizations, and shall provide for a central Board of Administration in the City of New York, and that these Societies be requested after the adoption of this plan to disband, and then reorganize in accordance with the specific recommendations of the Board.

After remarks urging the adoption of the report, Dr. Lorimer referred to a letter addressed to the Society by the Board of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society. At the request of the Society he then read the letter. After a discussion, in which Hon. J. M. Hoyt, Ohio; Rev. Dr. Duncan, Ohio; Rev. R. G. Seymour, Mass.; Rev. Dr. Bright, N. Y., and others participated, the report was unanimously adopted. The hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" was heartily sung.

On motion, the vote on the Report of the Committee of Arrangements instructing the Committee on Nominations to report to-morrow at 11 A.M. was reconsidered, and the Committee being prepared to report, it was voted that it be now presented. The

Committee on Nominations, through Hon. J. L. Howard, Ct., presented their report in the following nominations:

President—Hon. William Stickney, D. C.

Vice-Presidents—Hon. Jesse P. Bishop, Ohio; Mr. Samuel Colgate, N. J.

Treasurer—Mr. Joseph B. Hoyt, Conn.

Auditors—Mr. William Phelps, N. Y.; Mr. Joseph Brokaw, N. Y.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Henry L. Morehouse, N. Y.

Recording Secretary—Rev. D. B. Jutten, N. Y.

Managers (third class, expiring in 1882)—Rev. W. H. Parmly, D.D., Jersey City, N. J.; Rev. J. F. Elder, D.D., New York; Mr. A. B. Capwell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. S. S. Constant, New York; Rev. Daniel Read, LL.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

It was voted to proceed at once to the election of officers of the Society.

The Chair appointed as tellers Rev. R. B. Hull, N. Y.; Rev. E. B. Hurlbut, Ill.; Rev. D. C. Potter, N. Y. The ballot being taken, the tellers announced that the gentlemen nominated in the report of the Committee had been duly elected as officers and managers of the Society for the ensuing year.

The doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced by Rev. R. B. Hull, N. Y., and the Society adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

The Society convened according to adjournment at 10 A.M., Friday, May 30th.

The hymn "More Love to Thee, O Christ," was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Moss, Ind.

Rev. D. C. Hughes, N. Y., presented the following communication from the International Sabbath Association:

PHILADELPHIA, May 24, 1879.

To the American Baptist Home Mission Society, meeting at Saratoga, New York :

RESPECTED BRETHREN—The undersigned appeals to your body as one representing the entire denomination in this country, to appoint a permanent Sabbath Committee, of five members, to wit:

Whose duty it shall be to co-operate with other bodies like minded, in the general movement now in progress for the redemption and preservation of the Christian Sabbath, as follows:

To correspond and concert action with all such ecclesiastical and other bodies as are willing to act with them for this good cause; to assist in the production and circulation of suitable publications to instruct the people; and to procure such moneys as may be raised by voluntary contribution to defray this expense.

To fraternally exhort all our pastors, officers, and people against overt breaches of the Sabbath law ordained by the Lord Jesus Christ for all dispensations and times, and especially, that it is their positive and personal duty to clear their own skirts of all complicity with these sins, by refraining from Sunday travel upon Railroad trains, Steamers, etc., and to refrain, as far as their knowledge may enable them, from committing to them any goods or commodities, for transport on the Lord's day.

We believe that the time has fully come for all the friends of the Sabbath to unite in one grand effort, to be continued till the Lord's Day shall be rescued from the impending dangers by which it is so seriously threatened; and we doubt not that this proposed concert of christian effort will commend itself to your mind and heart and action.

Most respectfully yours,

YATES HICKEY, Sec'y Int. Sab. Assoc'n.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the American Baptist Home Mission Society appoint a committee of five to co-operate with all similar committees of other denominations, subject to the call of the Secretary of the International Sabbath Association.

The following Committee was then appointed: Rev. D. C. Hughes, N. Y.; H. L. Wayland, D.D., Pa.; E. Bright, D.D., N. Y.; Nathan Bishop, I.L.D., N. Y.; William Bucknell, Pa.

The Committee on Enrollment reported, through Rev. Z. Grenell, as follows:

Your committee have received names of life directors, life members, and delegates to the number of 365. Of this number 38 are life directors, 194 are life members, and 133 are annual delegates.

These persons come from twenty-one States, from Canada and Italy.

Report adopted.

Rev. Dr. Hoyt offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, By a recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, the sin of polygamy has been declared to be a criminal offense against the constitution and the laws of our country.

Resolved, That the Baptists of the nation, represented at this Anniversary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, are profoundly grateful to God that the United States Government has legally declared against this reproach upon our Christian civilization.

Resolved, That we, in accordance with all patriotic and Christian citizens, earnestly bespeak and confidently expect the continued and persistent efforts of all executive officials for the maintenance and execution of this law, and hereby also appeal to the men and women of our land to create and foster such public sentiment as shall sustain the executives in its rigid enforcement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be transmitted to his Excellency the President of the United States.

The Committee on Indian Missions, through Rev. R. L. Luther, presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on Missions to the American Indians would respectfully report :

That, while we recognize with gratitude the efficient nature of the work done during the past year by the preaching missionaries and teachers of this Society who have labored among this much neglected people, and recognizing also the success attendant upon the labors of the Southern Baptist Convention, of the Woman's American Baptist Missionary Society, and also of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, we yet believe that the last command of our risen Lord, and the memory of years of unredressed wrong, demand of us a more vigorous effort than has yet been made to convey to the American Indians the blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We therefore respectfully yet earnestly recommend to the Executive Board a more vigorous prosecution of the Indian Missions, together with such extension of the field and more thorough organization of the whole service, as may, in their judgment, be found practicable.

The Committee would also respectfully present the following resolutions :

Resolved, That we heartily commend the Proclamation of the President of the United States warning off unauthorized settlers who have encroached on the Territory, the occupancy of which is guaranteed to the Indians by treaty ; and that we appeal to the Executive and to the Houses of Congress to use all needful means to protect the Indians in the enjoyment of their rightful possessions.

Resolved, That we commend to the special attention of the Executive Board the colored people formerly held in bondage among the Choctaws and Chickasaws, who have no share in the lands or school funds of the tribes ; and that we earnestly request the United States Government to continue and extend the support of schools among these needy people.

The Committee on Missions to Non-English Speaking Peoples reported, through Rev. R. S. MacArthur, as follows :

The Committee on the above-named topic beg leave to report :

That they have not included in their deliberations on the subject the Indians or the Chinese, as it is understood that special committees have been appointed in the case of both these nationalities. The committee confined their attention to our work among the Germans, the French Canadians, and the Scandinavians.

The importance of the subject demanded more time and deliberation than it was possible for us to give it in the necessarily limited time at our disposal. We call attention, first, to our work among the

GERMANS.

As far as the Committee have learned, the thirty-two Missionaries of this Society at work upon the German field, have reported results which are prophetic of a brightening future. Despite the most disheartening difficulties, arising from the mighty sway of Rationalism on the one hand, and Romanism on the other, among the five millions of Germans in this country, the annals of the Society indicate a series of advancements which assure us of a regular progress toward glorious and permanent results.

In this connection it is worthy of notice that the triumphs of our common cause in "The Fatherland" during the past year furnish fresh encouragement to make more extended efforts on our own continent. The fact that our brethren in Germany, having advanced so far as to recognize the need of a Baptist Theological Seminary for the instruction of the young preachers who are rapidly coming forward, are urging the Executive Committee of the Missionary Union to take the matter in hand, and inaugurate the work of education, tells the story of great things done "and more to follow." Our German brethren command our admiration for their liberal contributions, enthusiasm, and devotion in our common cause. "We thank God and take courage." Notwithstanding all the difficulties in the German work, the gospel of Christ is proving itself to be, both in Germany and America, "the power of God unto Salvation." An uplifted Christ is still the mightiest magnet in this lost world of ours; and soon we may well hope many thousands more of Germans will be won to the Cross of Christ.

THE SCANDINAVIANS.

It should be remembered that the Scandinavians include three distinct nationalities, Swedes, Norwegians and Danes. There are now more than 1,000,000 of these people in our country, and they are coming in constantly increasing numbers. They are distinguished for frugality, industry and morality. They come to us poor, but their characteristics cannot fail soon to make them a prosperous people, and an important factor in our national life. They are seeking homes in the newer Northwestern States, and it is not improbable that in some of these States they will possess before many years a predominant social, political and religious influence.

They are a religious people, and it is a fact of the greatest significance for us as Baptists that our principles find a more ready acceptance among them than among any other class of foreigners. We have already more than one hundred Scandinavian Baptist churches, and churches are being organized more rapidly than pastors can be procured for them. The Scandinavian department of the Chicago Theological Seminary is every year sending out trained men for this multiplying of churches. Their work is wonderfully prospered. This success is opening a wider field for missionary work. We must be ready to enter it. God invites us in clearest terms to take and hold these people for truth and God.

THE FRENCH CANADIANS.

The French language is the mother tongue of nearly one million of the population of this country. Over two hundred thousand, mostly from Lower Canada, are found in the manufacturing towns of New England, and they are still coming. They belong to a race that has given to the Church of Christ a Calvin, a Saurin, a Vinet, a Monod, "the Pastors of the Desert" and the

Martyrs of St. Bartholomew; a race which has given to America the brave and chivalrous Lafayette. Though mostly Roman Catholics, they are more accessible to gospel influences than any other portion of our Romish population. Our efforts among them in North America within fifty years past have resulted in bringing over 50,000 of them into the ranks of our common Protestant Christianity.

We must push our French work with untiring zeal. In New England especially, where French Canadians form such a considerable element of the population, and where on account of their congregating together in large numbers many of them fail to hear the English language, services in their own language are an absolute necessity. Our work among the French, as among Romanists of every class, is necessarily difficult, yet it is full of signs of encouragement. The tidings of an extraordinary Protestant movement in France seems to point to our day as a special time of God's favor to the French nation.

The success during the past year of our missionaries among the French, resulting in a goodly number of conversions at one of those stations, where between forty and fifty French Canadians were brought to the knowledge of the truth, indicates that the Master bids us go forward and do valiant service in this part of the great battle-field.

Your committee, in conclusion, beg to express their ever-deepening conviction that the only hope for this lost world is the gospel of the Lord Jesus. Human nature is still the same; heaven and hell the same; and the gospel is the same mighty power to conquer this world to Jesus.

We have prayed that God would open the door to the gospel in foreign lands. He has done it. He has done more. He is sending the heathen and semi-heathen here. Let us welcome them. Politicians may strive to shut out the Chinese. Let it be ours to welcome them in the name of the Lord Jesus. Do we send missionaries to them? Shall we not welcome them as they come to us? Forward, Brethren, meet them. Give them the hand of a brother, with the hand a bible, and point them to the cross of Jesus "who died for all," black and white, red and olive; and soon the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

Report adopted.

Rev. Dr. Parmly, N. J., read the following communication:

The delegates from existing and provisional State and Sectional Women's Baptist Home Mission Societies auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, assembled in meeting at Saratoga Springs May 30, 1879, agree upon the following resolution:

Resolved, That we gratefully and cheerfully accept the action of the American Baptist Home Mission Society referring the organization of Women's Baptist Home Mission work to the Executive Board of that Society, and acknowledge hereby the courtesy which has ever been shown us and the pleasure we have found in working with that Society.

The communication was received and ordered to be placed on record.

Rev. Dr. Moss, Ind., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of the Home Mission Society, in perfecting the plan for organizing women's work, is instructed to consult with and seek the concurrence of the women engaged in Home Mission work, especially those organizations affected by this movement.

The Committee on Obituaries, through Rev. Dr. S. F. Smith, made the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on Obituaries report as follows :

In the list of the departed we find the names of fifteen Life Directors and thirty Life Members; total, forty-five. Of these, nineteen were ministers, eight were females, and thirteen were devoted to business or to literature. All were, doubtless, faithful to their several spheres. Some of them held a distinguished place in the Church and the world. Among them we cannot forbear to name Messrs. Ambler and Jones, once faithful agents of the Home Mission Society; Dr. Dowling, the genial friend, the earnest preacher, the industrious author; Dr. Malcom, the enthusiastic antiquarian, the fearless and original spirit, the unique man; John H. Raymond, the elegant scholar, and the successful President of Vassar College; U. D. Ward, the kind and patient business man; Gardner Colby, the generous giver, from the opening of his active life, whose donations to Colby University, Newton Theological Institution, Brown University, the foreign missions and to this Society, will be his indestructible monument; Robert A. Fyfe, the theological teacher and the tried and trusted friend of all the churches in Canada; R. G. Hatfield, the archaeologist of our faith; L. J. Mattison, the useful and honored preacher and pastor; Hezekiah Shailer, the man of trade, who went to heaven in a chariot of fire; Octavius Winslow, the student and historian; and J. Winter, the fervent worker, gathered as a shock of corn fully ripe into the heavenly garner. These, with all the rest, if less conspicuous, equally honorable, and honored by the Divine Master, rest from their labors and their works do follow them. They are helps to our faith and a stimulus to our endeavors. We would emulate their zeal and aim to tread in their footsteps. When the harvest of this great field of the world, east and west and north and south, is gathered—and when this globe, swinging in its orbit like a censer swung by the hand of the Great High Priest, shall send forth from every pore columns of fragrant incense, ascending up acceptably before God—then shall we meet them again, and rejoice together that no gift for the perishing, no toil undertaken, no self-denial, no great act, no word spoken in weakness, no alabaster box of precious ointment lavished on the head of Christ, no life lived for His sake, no death died for His sake, was ever in vain.

Respectfully submitted.

S. F. SMITH, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Western Missions reported, through Rev. Dr. Haigh, as follows :

The special committee to whom was referred that part of the annual report which relates to Western Missions, would respectfully submit :

That this work of giving the Gospel to the rising communities of our new states and territories, the original work of this Society, the foundation at once of its present and future prosperity, has reached a stage at which it would be criminal in us any longer to defer the large expansion of our Western Missions. The necessities and opportunities of the new West have grown the past few years beyond computation, while the resources wherewith to meet these necessities are but little more than what the Society possessed many years ago. We unite with the Board in deploring that the careful survey made of the field, and the plans for enlargement of our missions projected early in the year past, came to nought, not for the want of openings or of men, but simply for lack of funds, and we fear that the question asked by the Board must be answered in the negative, that it is not "possible to justify the feebleness of our endeavors in such states as Kansas and Nebraska, Colorado and California,

or such territories as Dakota, Wyoming, Washington, and Idaho, and our total neglect of such as Montana, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona."

The wonderful pouring forth of population into the new states and territories, the marvelous activity of the agricultural, mining, railroad, and commercial interests, the Christian wisdom and earnestness which are exhibited by our brethren of other names, and above all, the entreaties and calls for help which are heard from our own brethren, all demand that we should the coming year "Expect great things from God, and attempt great things for Him." We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

That we commend to the renewed consideration of the Board the present critical condition of our work in the West, and pledge ourselves to sustain them in their efforts to rouse the attention of our churches, and to procure the means for reinforcing and enlarging our Western Missions.

After remarks by Rev. Dr. Cheney, Ill., the report was adopted.

The Committee on Chinese Missions, through Rev. B. S. McLafferty, made the following report:

CHINESE WORK.

As shown by the Custom House Reports, at the port of San Francisco, there arrived during the twenty-seven years preceding December 30, 1878, 230,430 Chinese; while during the same period 133,491 returned to their native land. Therefore, at the commencement of the present year, the total number of Chinese in America may be set down as 96,939. All these have come to our shores idolatrous heathen, and they make part of the great congregation in North America to which the American Baptist Home Mission Society is to preach the Gospel. Early in the history of this emigration, work was begun for their christianization by Rev. Mr. Shuck, in Sacramento, Cal., and a church formed. Of this work traces still remain, though the church long since became extinct. One of the earliest converts is now the honored pastor of the First Baptist Church, Canton, China. Of more recent converts, Dong Gong and Kuhn Chew, both ordained ministers, are doing most important work on the coast. A few of the Pacific Coast churches have, for a long time, maintained schools for the religious instruction of the Chinese; while the first churches of Portland and Salem, Oregon, and of Oakland, Cal., support, in addition to these, week-day schools for general instruction. Not less than seventy have been baptized into the churches, while hundreds of others have abandoned their idol-worship and become diligent students of the Bible. It becomes most evident that labor for the conversion of the Chinese upon the Pacific slope should be increased and diligently prosecuted. For such labor, any church, however weak in members and money, has the requisite appliance in the love of its members for the souls of the Chinese among them. They may be gathered in schools for instruction in the Word of God, the same as our white children and youth are gathered.

Your committee are of the opinion that this work of Chinese evangelization is to be carried on by the effort of individual churches, and that mission premises, owned by national societies, are unnecessary and possibly undesirable. Nor is a supervising missionary, under the direction of such a society, though he speak the language of the Chinese, a necessary factor in this work. A society cannot possibly rally to its aid the elements which it is possible for a church to command. Certain denominations have made large expenditure for mission property and for the support of a Chinese-speaking missionary. Yet it is, to say the least, an open question if, in the separate churches of

these denominations, more and better work is not done. These Chinese are in America. They are eager to acquire everything that is American. Nearly all who study in our schools know something of our language already, and in almost every place there are Christians, of their own number, who can address them. Street preaching in this country is of questionable utility when men and means are limited.

As to the duty of this Society to Chinese work on the Pacific coast, we beg to suggest that, in the smaller towns it should make its appeal to every Baptist church, to commence a work, however small, for the conversion of the Chinese, since in such localities all that is requisite can be done without foreign aid, if there be an existing disposition to do *anything*; that in the centers of population, where the Chinese are represented in considerable numbers, and work has been begun by a church, and continues to be vigorously prosecuted, having, as in every case it must have, the sympathetic advocacy of the pastor, there, when requested to do so, let the Society bestow its aid, not that the church may do less, but more. But in no one locality, your committee believe, need the Society spend large sums in aid of this work.

After remarks by Bro. McLafferty, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Freedmen, Nathan Bishop, LL.D., Chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on Freedmen's Schools respectfully report :

1.—They recommend that the Society request the Executive Board to use all judicious means in their power to enlist as many of the colored people as possible to aid in supporting the schools for educating preachers and teachers in the various portions of the country. The Committee believe this measure will be very useful to the colored people, by teaching them to take more interest in these schools, and also it will relieve somewhat the Treasury of the Home Mission Society.

2.—The Committee further recommend that the Society suggest to the Board the great importance of doing everything they can that is deemed wise to induce all the indigent students, both male and female, in the several schools, to make more effort to pay a larger portion of their expenses for tuition, board, &c. Some of the schools have been more successful than others in this respect, and it is deemed important that all the teachers be urged to give special attention to this measure, which will not only relieve the Home Mission Society more or less, but will become a valuable feature in the education of the students, as it will teach them the great doctrine of supporting themselves.

3.—The Committee respectfully suggest that the Society authorize the Executive Board to revise and harmonize the courses of study in the various schools, so that a thorough English education shall be provided for in each school, and special attention given to the teaching of the cardinal principles of the Bible, in order that those who are instructed may be competent to teach the Holy Scriptures wherever they may be engaged in preaching or teaching.

The Committee are unanimous in recommending to the Society to direct the Board to examine into and decide upon what amount of instruction should be given in Latin and Greek, and the higher mathematics, if any instruction in these branches is deemed to be absolutely necessary.

In accordance with the vote of the Society, the Chair announced the following usual Committees for the next Annual Meeting :

On Chinese Missions—Rev. B. S. McLafferty, Cal.; M. H. Bixby, D.D., R. I.; Rev. G. S. Abbott, Cal.; Rev. A. P. Coats, Oregon; Rev. F. A. Douglass, Ohio.

On Indian Missions—Hon. J. M. S. Williams, Mass.; S. W. Marston, D.D., Mo.; Joseph Banvard, D.D., Mass.; Rev. P. J. Vreeland, N. J.; Rev. Daniel Rogers, Ind. Ter.

On Work among the Freedmen—Nathan Bishop, LL.D., N. Y.; J. W. Parker, D.D., D. C.; D. W. Phillips, D.D., Tenn.; S. Haskell, D.D., Mich.; O. H. Greenleaf, Mass.

On Missions to Germans, Scandinavians, and French—S. L. Caldwell, D.D., N. Y.; B. D. Marshall, D.D., Mass.; D. B. Cheney, D.D., Ill.; Rev. G. A. Schulte, N. Y.; Rev. A. E. Orgren, Minn.

On Obituaries—S. S. Cutting, D.D., N. Y.; F. Johnson, D.D., Mass.; A. J. Sage, D.D., Ct.; S. W. Duncan, D.D., Ohio; Rev. H. C. Woods, Minn.

The Committee on Church Extension reported, through Rev. Dr. Lasher, as follows:

Your Committee appointed, to whom was referred a paper on the subject of Church Extension, by W. W. Everts, D.D., N. J., would recommend that if time will permit, he be allowed fifteen minutes to speak upon the subject.

The report was adopted, but the privilege given was waived by Dr. Everts.

Dr. Wayland Hoyt offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the American Baptist Home Mission Society be hereby tendered to Rev. S. S. Cutting, D.D., for his wise, courteous, and most laborious devotion to the interests of this Society, and that we crave God's blessing upon his future years, and upon any work in any field where he may be engaged.

Dr. Edward Bright presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Society will sustain its Executive Board in employing such assistance in the Home Mission Rooms as is necessary to give the best efficiency to every department of the executive work.

Rev. Dr. Middleditch, N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was also adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be tendered to the Railroad and Steamboat Companies for courtesies rendered to the members and delegates, and to all those who have served for their economical entertainment, to the "Daily Saratogian" and other papers for ample reports, and especially to the First Baptist Church for the use of their house of worship, and to the Committee of Arrangements under the able direction of Mr. George M. Crippen, who have so efficiently served this meeting.

Dr. C. P. Sheldon announced the serious illness of J. S. Backus, D.D., and communicated to the Society a brief message from him. All united in fervent prayer with Dr. Hoyt for him, and on motion, the Recording Secretary was requested to convey to Dr. Backus, the tender sympathy and fraternal love of the Society. On motion the Society voted to adjourn.

The hymn "One More Year's Work for Jesus" was sung, and the meeting was closed with the Benediction by Rev. Dr. Cutting.

DAVID B. JUTTEN,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Presented May 29, 1879.

FINANCES.

The receipts into the treasury from all sources, not including temporary loans, during the year now reported, were \$217,093.90, and the expenditures for all purposes, not including payments of such loans, and including loans of Church Edifice Fund, were \$207,350.07. The corresponding receipts of the year previous were \$175,209.33, showing an increase for the year of \$41,884.57. The corresponding expenditures and Church Edifice loans the previous year were \$174,119.88. The debt of the Society at the end of the previous year—entirely for borrowed money—was \$45,433.18, and that debt at the end of the year now reported was \$30,597.67, which is a diminution to the amount of \$14,835.51.

The increase of receipts is not to be explained by increased contributions. Larger sums have been paid into the treasury from Church Edifice loans, and a special increase is to be explained by the return to the General Fund of money transferred from the General Fund to the use of the old Church Edifice fund before the establishment of the present Church Edifice Fund in 1867, and not included in the foundation of that fund. The direct contributions available for missionary purposes have been \$3,969.67 less than those of the previous year. The relief to the Society from legacies—anticipated by the Special Finance Committee, to whom at the last anniversary the treasurer's report was referred—was realized but in small part, and to sustain the work of the Society under ordinary current receipts, has required in every department the utmost vigilance over expenditures.

The condition of the business affairs of the Society has improved during the year, and the Society is consequently in better preparation for its future work.

It is not always the reduction of expenses which promotes efficiency. The Board, however, in revising the expenditures of the Society have not only aimed at economy in the distribution of means on the fields of labor, but have felt called upon to reduce the cost of collecting funds and doing the Society's business. The commodious rooms of the Society are secured at less cost of rent than was required for the rooms formerly occupied. District Secretaries have been reduced in number, and a schedule of salaries has been adopted reducing the salaries of Corresponding Secretary, District Secretaries, and other persons in the service of the Society to the amount of \$2,050. This has been done, not as an estimate of the value of the services of these brethren, but in recognition of the financial condition of the country, and the consequent obligation of the Society to its patrons.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS.

In the hope that the receipts of the year might enable the Board to increase materially the amount of missionary service, especially in the newer and remoter States and Territories, a careful survey of the whole field was early made, and an apportionment projected under the best practicable comparison of claims. It became apparent, however, at an early date that an increase of funds, available for missionary purposes, was not to be relied on with confidence, and plans of enlargement were reluctantly postponed. It was a melancholy and humiliating necessity, for it was the loss of great opportunities, for causes not creditable to our foresight or our liberality. When we picture to ourselves what the older West has become through the fostering care of Home Missions, and remember how much stronger we are than when our pioneers planted churches in Ohio and Michigan, it becomes inexpressibly painful to reflect on that more distant and greater West, now in its infancy and need, the destined seat of great populations, which appeals to us in vain for more adequate supplies of the bread of life. Is it possible for us to justify the

feebleness of our endeavors in such States as Kansas and Nebraska, in such Territories as Dakota, Wyoming, Washington, and Idaho, and our total neglect of such as Montana, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona? Most earnestly the Board commends to the consideration of the Society and the churches the importance of an immediate and large expansion of our original missionary work, whether among our own native population in the new States and Territories, or among Germans and Scandinavians, who flock thither in vast numbers to share with us the destiny of the Republic.

To two considerations relating to this question of increase of missionary work, the attention of the Society is respectfully called.

1. Home mission work is shared with us by many denominations—notably the Congregational, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, and Methodist Episcopal. When we speak of what Home Missions have achieved in our outspreading populations, all along the period from the days when the West was found on the Susquehannah, the Cayuga, the Genesee, and the Alleghany, we must include what our fellow-Christians have done in the common work of saving the souls of men, of planting Christian society, and giving the dominion of our country to our Lord Jesus Christ. The Congregationalist sends his missionary to Colorado to labor by the side of ours, and knowing the forces that ultimately control human society, plants his college under the shadows of the Rocky Mountains. Wherever our missionaries go the missionaries of all these are the companions of their labors. It would be suggestive to compare our work with that of these other denominations—to compare it as to numbers of men, as to expenditure of money, as to stability of arrangements and character and endurance of work. Undoubtedly in such a comparison they would find something to learn from us. We certainly should learn from them the call for a larger liberality, and a wiser expenditure for permanent results.

2. The other consideration to which in this connection the attention of the Society is called, is the fatal error of coming last in the missionary work done in new communities. Other things

being equal, and considered from the point of view of human means, missionary work in a new community is successful in proportion to the strength of the nucleus around which it is gathered. The best men and women of such communities are church goers, and will rally to the first sound of the Gospel. They become identified in feeling and interest with the church and the ministry that have been earliest to provide preaching and Sunday-school. Children share and lead the feeling and interest of their parents, and so it comes to pass that the denomination which lags, and approaches its work late, finds its own best materials already appropriated, and the difficulties of the work indefinitely augmented. Missionary work, therefore, is best done when it is earliest done. The work of this Society will be best done when it is most promptly done, when our missionaries lift the standard in the earliest days of new communities, and at once appropriate the largest amount of spiritual and social strength which belongs to them. This is the true economy of missionary expenditure, and suggests impressively the importance of our hastening to the fields which we have already too long neglected. Our work will be costly and difficult just in proportion as it is delayed.

GENERAL RESULTS.

The general results of our missionary service during the year have been satisfactory. Many revivals have been enjoyed under the labors of our missionaries. The total number of missionaries (including teachers) has been 246, which is an increase of 24. The number of baptisms reported by them has been 1,172. They have organized 42 schools; they report 19,173 sermons; 9,848 prayer-meetings attended; and 46,711 religious visits made. The contributions of missionary churches to objects of benevolence have amounted to \$6,782, which is an increase of \$871.00 over the contributions of the previous year. The number of persons in Sunday-schools reported by our missionaries is 19,923, which is a gain of 783.

CO-OPERATION WITH STATE CONVENTIONS.

In some of the new States a strong desire has been mani-

festes to bring the State Conventions into co-operative relations with this Society in such way as to avoid the difficulties which have attended former experiments. Our brethren in Minnesota, while feeling that more was required for expenditure in that State than it was possible for them to raise in their churches, were unwilling to see their churches trained without part in the common missionary work of the denomination. They proposed, therefore, to the Board of the Home Mission Society to expend in Minnesota an amount not exceeding \$10,000 during the year, with the condition that they would pay into our treasury all funds raised in that State for Home Mission purposes, and guarantee that the amount raised should be equal to one-half the amount expended. If at the end of each quarter the amount received in donations from Minnesota churches should fall below one-half the amount to be paid from our treasury, we were to draw on the Treasurer of the State Convention at three days sight for the balance. This arrangement was accordingly made, with the condition that this Board could not abrogate its duty to judge of the merits of every individual request for appointment, or its usual and constitutional supervision over the missionary work performed under its commissions. The arrangement has operated most happily thus far, and has become a stimulus to other States which are desirous of following this example. Under this arrangement the Rev. J. W. Riddle is supported as a General Missionary in Minnesota, and the Rev. A. B. Orgren as General Missionary among the Scandinavians, who constitute a large element of the population of the State. Under this arrangement the Home Mission Society abrogates none of its functions—it avails itself of the best knowledge of the wants of the State—it stimulates the greater activity of the Minnesota churches, and brings them into sympathy with the entire work of the Society.

GERMAN MISSIONS.

We have similar co-operative relations with the Eastern and Western German Conferences, receiving from those Conferences one-half the amount which we appropriate to the missionaries whom we appoint under their nomination. During the past year

there have been in the missionary service of this Society, under the nomination of the Eastern Conference, fourteen, and under the nomination of the Western Conference, eighteen missionaries. The great number of Germans in America, the amount of rationalism and unbelief existing among them on the one hand, and on the other the fact that so large a portion of them are not under the thrall of Romanism, and therefore inaccessible, together with the consideration that they must contribute in their descendants so largely to the population and character of our country, render missionary labor among the Germans an important and responsible part of the Society's work, and an increase of that labor an urgent duty.

SCANDINAVIANS.

In Minnesota our missionary work among the Scandinavians is incorporated with the work of the State Convention, and comes, therefore, under our general plans for that State. Besides Scandinavian missionaries in Minnesota, we have such missionaries in Iowa, Nebraska and Dakota, who have labored with encouraging success.

FRENCH MISSIONS.

Our missions among the Canadian French in the United States have been greatly blessed during the past year. In Waterville, Maine, a remarkable revival has been experienced, and a large number have been baptized or await baptism at an early period. As all our work among the French is an inheritance from the Grande Ligne Mission in Canada, it is of interest in this connection to record with joy that that mission has been the scene of a revival unparalleled in its history, thirty converts having been lately baptized on a single occasion.

THE INDIANS.

The connection of Major G. W. Ingalls with our missionary service ceased in the month of June last. The Rev. Daniel Rogers remains a general missionary in the Indian Territory, and among other labors holds meetings for the special instruction of ministers and deacons of the native churches. Money desig-

nated for the purpose has been paid during the year for the erection of two houses of worship for the Seminoles; and a house of worship for the Baptist Christians of the Sac and Fox tribe, paid for by funds specially contributed, is also now in process of erection. The total number of preaching missionaries during the year has been nine. These, excepting Mr. Rogers and Mr. Trenchard, belong to the Creek, Cherokee, and Choctaw tribes. The number of baptisms reported is 147.

The abolishing of the Union Agency by Act of Congress of 1878, rendered vacant the agency building at Muskogee. On the application of the Creek Freedmen, through this Society, the use of the building was granted by the United States Government for a boarding-school for the children of those Freedmen. Such a school has been successfully maintained through the year, under the patronage of this Society, by the Rev. R. A. Leslie, an educated Indian. In a late letter he reports the baptism of nineteen of his pupils.

Reference was made in the last Report of the Board to the anomalous condition of the Freedmen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes. While in other tribes the colored people, formerly slaves of the Indians, have become incorporated into the tribes, those who were slaves of the Choctaws and Chickasaws have been brought to freedom without rights of home or protection of law. The United States Government had provided schools for them under the care of the Indian Agent, and upon the abolition of the agency, these schools were continued, through the intervention of your Board, and are now in progress, under a contract between the Government and this Society. Some difficulties have arisen in respect to the interpretation of this contract, but these are now in a fair way to adjustment, and the Corresponding Secretary has been verbally notified by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs that the schools will be continued under a similar arrangement.

The teachers of these schools have been missionaries as well. Their reports of the spiritual and social condition of these people make a strong appeal for further missionary service among them. Miss Sarah H. Champney, one of the teachers, is supported in

part by the Women's American Baptist Missionary Society, Boston. She is accompanied by Mrs. Sarah A. Kelly, who is wholly supported by that Society.

The Union Agency has been restored by Act of Congress, and the new agent will enter upon his work July 1st. He can be depended upon for enlightened sympathy with our missionary work, and for the best co-operation with us which is compatible with the performance of his public duties.

Our whole service in the Territory needs better organization and increased efficiency. Better attention to education as an accompaniment of missionary work is required, and should not longer be postponed.

The Nevada Agency, assigned to the care of this Society, has a new agent, and the condition of the Indians in that agency appeals strongly to the Society for the establishment among them without delay of evangelizing and civilizing labors.

CHINESE MISSIONS.

Our mission to the Chinese of San Francisco has been suspended during a large part of the year, partly in consequence of the condition of the Chinese question, and partly because the condition of the funds of the Society did not permit the immediate renewal of our work with requisite means for hopeful progress. The Society has aided the support of a missionary, the Rev. Dong Gong, at Portland, Oregon, where he has labored, under the patronage and guidance of the First Baptist Church of that city, with efficiency and success.

MISSIONS TO FREEDMEN.

At the annual meeting of 1877 the Board reported to the Society their intention to appoint a Superintendent of Missions to the Freedmen when the funds of the Society should warrant the expenditure. At the annual meeting of 1878 the Board were requested by the Society to appoint this superintendent at once. Immediate measures were taken to carry this request into effect, but it was not till February 1, 1879, that the appointment could be made, and work under it be commenced. Preliminary, how-

ever, to the work of this officer, and in conformity with the resolution of the Society, at Cleveland, the Rev. Dr. Lathrop and the Corresponding Secretary were instructed to visit the Southern Board of Home Missions, at Marion, Ala., and Southern brethren in several cities, for the purpose of ascertaining the measure of co-operation on which the proposed Superintendent could rely in the maintenance of Institutes for the instruction and help of colored pastors. This visit was of the most satisfactory character. Resolutions of co-operation were passed by the Southern Board, and pledges of co-operation, more or less formal, but always emphatic and cordial, were given in every city. The Rev. S. W. Marston, D.D., was appointed Superintendent, and has entered upon his work. His reports bring uniform testimony of the promptness and efficiency with which his labors are encouraged and aided by Southern brethren. These labors are now in their incipient and experimental condition, and are still without the aids of manuals of instruction, which are essential to the best success of this form of work. It is not enough that these humble pastors be taught by lectures; the subjects of these lectures over all the range of Christian Doctrine, Christian Life, Biblical Interpretation and Preaching, Church Order and Discipline, and even of Domestic and Industrial Economy, require to be embodied for continued study in inexpensive elementary books. Instruction by lectures alone, if successfully given, implies previous discipline and culture, to which the Freedmen pastors are utter strangers. Dr. Marston has brought to his work an intimate acquaintance with Southern people, white and colored, a thorough heartiness and consecration, great capacity of work, and power of endurance, and the hope is strongly cherished that the labors in which he is engaged will tend to the elevation in character and condition of the colored ministry and the colored churches of the South.

The amount of missionary labor undertaken by the Board during the year among the colored people of the South has not been large. The Board have co-operated with the Georgia Baptist State Convention in the maintenance of four missionaries in that State, of whom three were taught in our school at Augusta, have

maintained missionary preaching to a limited extent among the Freedmen in the States of Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, and Arkansas. The great expense of maintaining our schools for the education of Freedmen preachers and teachers has rendered it impossible to increase missionary work among the Freedmen, without reducing our missionary work in the new States and Territories of the West to proportions of humiliating weakness.

Missionary work in Freedmen homes, by women who have left the comforts of their own homes for a ministry of love to women and children in the lowest range of our American life, has been maintained at Nashville, Natchez, and in the Indian Territory. These missionaries, commissioned by this Society, have been maintained, two at Nashville and two in the Indian Territory, by funds contributed for the purpose by the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society, Boston; and one at Natchez by the Women's Home Mission Society of Michigan, and one at the same place by women of Ohio.

SCHOOLS.

Eight schools are maintained by the Society for the education of preachers and teachers of the colored race, one at each of the following places: Washington, D. C.; Richmond, Va.; Raleigh, N. C.; Columbia, S. C.; Augusta, Ga.; Nashville, Tenn.; Natchez, Miss.; and New Orleans, La. A school has been established by the colored people themselves at Selma, Ala., to which designated funds have been sent through our treasury. It has not been possible, however, for the Society to take this school upon its hands, its present work constituting a strain upon its annual expenditure which cannot be increased without a large augmentation of its funds, and a more equal balancing of its various forms of missionary work. In regard to the Selma school, it is but just to say that its maintenance has been due in a large degree to the godly zeal of women of Indiana, who have sent two of their own number to be teachers, and have followed them with the tenderest and most loyal interest, and with liberal support.

Our schools are all vigorously maintained, all in prosperous condition, all effective and useful, under forty-six teachers, and embracing 10,41 students. In two of them, those at Richmond

and Augusta, are males only. In all, the total number of males is 756, and the total number of females, 315.

In the present condition of the finances of the Society, the utmost pains, consistent with their present methods of organization and work, have been taken to keep down the expenses of the schools. It has been found necessary to deny additional teachers which have been called for, to decline promising students who require help which the Society had not the means to furnish, and in some instances to delay material repairs which it would be a truer economy to make at once. We have received the money required for the support of two female teachers from the Women's Home Mission Society of Michigan, and of two others from the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society, Boston, and the latter society has supported several female beneficiary students.

Questions of very grave character have arisen in respect to the precise sphere and work of our schools, and for the consideration of these questions a conference of principals is called to meet at the rooms of the Society on Wednesday, June 4th. The condition of the Freedmen is in many respects changed since the schools were established, and the adjustment of our work to the changes of their condition becomes important alike for economy and for efficiency. With the advance of the public education in which they share, will diminish the necessity for primary education in our schools; with this advance will increase the possibility of better classification; and with better classification will come economy of instruction, and definiteness of aim in the work undertaken.

On the general question of the education of leaders of the race—leaders in their churches and in their industrial life—there are probably no differences of opinion among the patrons of this Society. What Lord Macaulay said of the power of the English language in India, when urging the English education of the youth of India, applies for the same reasons to the education of the Freedmen of the South. They speak in a certain sense the English language, but, as our teachers have discovered, with a vocabulary as limited in its range as it is peculiar in its con-

struction. The thoughts of the human mind are limited by the language which it can appropriate and command. When into this race can be infused the power of better understanding and using the English language, then will be available to them the wealth of the intellectual and the spiritual life which that language embodies, and in the same proportion will come the possibilities of a more advanced Christian civilization. You may save the individual soul with small intellectual light and imperfect speech, but you can never elevate the human being till your evangelizing processes are crystallized by the lifting up of the mind in the processes of education. This Society has done well to act on this principle, and it has struck its true sphere by beginning with the leaders, and through them reaching the great mass.

Of one of the schools, the removal to a better location has been determined. The property of the school at Augusta has been sold, and will be used in the establishment of a school at Atlanta, the capital of the State of Georgia. An advantageous site has been purchased in that city, and plans have been perfected for the erection of a modest building, adequate for purposes of instruction, but not intended for boarding purposes. To that building the school will be transferred in the autumn. Arrangements have been made for the co-operation of the colored Baptists of Georgia in the maintenance of this school, and the acknowledgments of this Society are due to white brethren of that State who have rendered important aid in the transfer of the school, and have pledged their co-operation in promoting its efficiency.

WOMEN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETIES.

A few days previous to the March meeting of the Board, a memorial was received from thirty-four pastors and other ministers of Boston, Mass., and vicinity, setting forth their apprehensions that "conflicting claims" of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society (Chicago), and the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society (Boston), might "lead to trouble in the churches," and for this reason asking "whether it is practicable to so unite these societies as to give us only one general women's

home mission organization in this country." This communication was referred by the Board to a committee consisting of the Rev. Drs. Parmly, Elder, Hiscox, Thomas, and Anderson, who gave their careful attention to the subject, and embodied their views in a report. After this report was prepared, a memorial of similar character, but embodying likewise a Plan of Union, was received from Providence, R. I., signed by twenty-four pastors and other ministers of that city and vicinity, accompanied with a request that it might reach the committee before their report should be made. The committee were accordingly called together again, and, after deliberation, supplemented their previous action by recommending the adoption of the Providence Plan, somewhat modified, for the consideration of our sisters. They recommended likewise that representatives of the various societies interested, whether already organized or provisional, should hold a meeting for the consummation of a union, during the anniversaries, at Saratoga Springs, and that a committee of the Board be appointed to represent the Board at the meeting to be so assembled.

The report of the committee was adopted, and the Rev. E. J. Haynes, and the Rev. Drs. Elder, Hiscox, Thomas, and Parmly were appointed a committee to commend the proposed union to the favorable consideration of the ladies' societies, and to confer with them on their assembling. These memorials, with the report thereon, and the later action of the committee, are respectfully submitted herewith. See pages 57-64.

CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

The report of the Executive Board on the condition and operations of the Church Edifice Fund, was made with great fulness one year ago, and the same particularity of details is not therefore required at the present time. The number of churches on our books now enjoying the benefit of the fund is 230. These churches are found in 34 States and Territories. The number of churches aided during the past year has been 21, found in 12 different States. The number of churches which during the past year have paid their loans in full is 13. The mode of

administering the fund, so fully explained one year ago, and approved by the special committee to whom this subject was referred, and by the society itself, has been pursued with as little variation as possible during the year.

OBITUARY.

A reference to the dead who have shared our work will fittingly conclude this annual report. In our Obituary List will be found the names of Life Directors and Life Members who have died during the year. Among them are names held in honor by the denomination. The Rev. Howard Malcom, D.D., was a Life Director of the Society from its formation; the Rev. John Dowling, D.D., was for some time a member of the Board; the Rev. Messrs. J. V. Ambler and the Rev. Henry V. Jones were formerly in the service of the Society as Agents; the Hon. Palmer Townsend and the Rev. Lyman Wright, D.D., were, in the day of their activity, foremost men in the advocacy and maintenance of missionary work; John H. Raymond, LL.D., had fame wider than our land as an educator of women, and our sorrow for his departure was still fresh when Vassar College mourned the loss of William F. Forby, his colleague and friend; the Rev. Robert H. Fyfe, D.D., in his own Canada, was the honored instrument of a great advance in higher education; Gardner Colby, whose genial presence we shall never more greet in our general assemblings, was so distinguished as merchant, so liberal, living and dying,* as patron of colleges, of the theological institution at Newton, and of Foreign and Home Missions, that his name will be held in everlasting remembrance; Robert G. Hatfield, distinguished as architect, carried his professional studies into archaeological inquiries in confirmation of our denominational usages; and Mrs. Phebe Whipple, Mrs. Emeline A. Hunt, Mrs. Ann B. Taylor, and Mrs. E. L. Magoon were women whose constancy to the cause of Missions was known in circles wider than the domestic ones in which they were loved. It is impossible to continue

* Mr. Colby's will bequeathes to the American Baptist Home Mission Society \$50,000. His total bequests to educational and charitable objects amounted to \$461,000.

further these specific allusions. These and all others in the list of the departed have gone before us in a procession which never halts, and in which we with steady step advance to the one termination from which none return. It is part of our faith that the end of that journey brings us to an account with Him who is judge of the living and the dead. Whether of the Board or of the Society, it becomes us to look well to the character of the service we render, that it be such in spirit and purpose and action, as dying we can justify, and as our Divine Lord will own with His eternal approbation.

A. B. CAPWELL,

Chairman of Executive Board.

S. S. CUTTING,

Corresponding Secretary.

REMARKS OF DR. CUTTING*

ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME
MISSION SOCIETY, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AT SARA-
TOGA SPRINGS, MAY 29, 1879.

[At the annual meeting of the Society, after reading the Annual Report, Dr. Cutting said :

Before taking my seat, Mr. President, I wish, either upon a motion which I am ready to offer, or as a question of privilege, to make some more special statements in respect to the administration of the Society. These statements might have been in part in the Report, had the occasion for them arisen before that document was prepared. It having been impossible at so late a period to take action of that kind, I desire your indulgence to adopt the alternative of personal statements.

THE PRESIDENT. You have heard the wish of Dr. Cutting. If there are no objections, he will proceed. There are no objections. He will proceed.]

MR. PRESIDENT—

Before our assembling in this annual meeting, it had been announced that the present administration of the Society would be made the subject of criticism and inquiry, and it seemed to me proper, therefore, that I should come to this meeting prepared to give such inner view of the affairs of the Society as might fairly be supposed to be within my more intimate knowledge. In order that I may condense what I have to say within narrow compass, and with a further view to accuracy and to my responsibility, I have departed from my usual course by reducing my remarks to writing.

It will at once be apparent to you, Mr. President, and to the honored members of this Society, that any incoming administration comes to an inheritance. The Board itself is continuous by division into classes, and this for the purpose

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of securing steadiness of policy. The Society, while reserving ultimate control to itself in popular assembly, puts constitutional limits upon its own power of change. Any administration, therefore, proposing sudden revolution, by ignoring the past, and attempting to establish a new policy, woven fresh from its own imaginations, would attempt the very thing against which the constitution provides, and find itself inevitably defeated.

I can say for myself that, coming to the important post in the administration which I am here to-day to account for, and to surrender, I came with these views—not as a revolutionist, but to inquire, to learn, and to improve as experience might indicate lines of improvement. I took particular pains not to lay a ruthless and inexperienced hand upon the work of predecessors and brethren who, to say the least, were as wise, as honorable, and as true to the cause as myself.

The administration of the Society is based on written rules and on unwritten precedents. The Corresponding Secretary, as part of that administration, is not a mere receiver and writer of letters, but the executive officer of the whole organization, clothed indeed with limited powers, but responsible for a general supervision. By the change of method ordered by the Society in 1874, three secretaryships, which were practically those of missions, education, and church edifice, were merged into one secretaryship, with two subordinate bureaus; one of these the Bureau of Missions and Education; the other of the Church Edifice Fund. Such a secretaryship is, therefore, a wide function of oversight. It embraces the supervision, to a larger or lesser extent, of property, real and personal, of the nominal value of more than \$600,000. It embraces the supervision of educational work, which employs a fixed capital of nearly \$200,000, and an annual expenditure now reaching between \$35,000 and \$40,000. It embraces the supervision of missionary work, which involves an expenditure of an equal or larger sum. It embraces the supervision of the annual collection and the annual disbursement of the direct contributions of the churches, with the gathering and diffusing of information which may encourage and reward this benevolence. It embraces the supervision of questions of legacies, and real estate titles and securities, which run far into the special regions of law and finance. Whoso imagines that such supervision can be accomplished by a vigilance which permits itself to sleep, or by an assiduity which is willing to accept rest, has mistaken the character of the office.

With these general views of administration and of the special functions of its chief executive officer, I propose to state the direction and results of my inquiries when I came into the rooms on the 1st of September, 1876. It was clearly my first duty to attain knowledge of the situation.

At the conclusion of the year ending March 31, 1876, the obligations of the Society then matured and payable were, by an act of individual liberality to be remembered with gratitude, all paid; but there were outstanding contracts for the completion of our school building at Nashville to the amount of \$31,124, and notes outstanding for the original purchase of the Nashville school property to the amount of \$11,000, making the total sum of these Nashville liabilities \$43,124; and of the

sum given to extinguish debts, matured March 31, the sum of \$12,000 had been given, subject to recall for payment towards the Nashville building, and having the effect therefore to revive so much of the indebtedness which had been paid at that time. Under these circumstances, the actual indebtedness of the Society, when I gained my earliest knowledge of its amount, was already \$45,000. Nor was this all. The property now known as the Natchez Seminary had been bought of the United States Government, through the generous gift of C. T. Sampson, Esq., for \$5,000, and plans had been drawn for its repair and improvement at a cost of about \$20,000. The title to this property came into the possession of the Society as soon as it could drag its slow length through the Treasury Department at Washington, but I was successful in advocating a reduction of about \$10,000 in the plans of repair and improvement. Besides, therefore, the existing liability of \$45,000, which I found at the beginning, I came to the inheritance of this further engagement, which, though only moral in its nature, proved in the end to require an expenditure of about \$12,000. Here is the explanation of the large burden of debt which the Society has since carried.

I found further that this debt, already \$45,000, was estopping the appointment of missionaries at the West; and I foresaw that the enlargement of our Freedmen School system, without a large increase of receipts from the benevolence of the churches, was destined, if unmodified in character and scope, to dwarf more and more the work of the Society in the new States and Territories. My more intimate knowledge of our schools impressed me more deeply with a sense of their importance, and I have given to them my loyal sympathy and support from the beginning; but I cannot forget, and I have not forgotten, that the power of the Baptist denomination to elevate and bless the freedmen, to build up the kingdom of Christ among the ruling populations of the American Republic, and to bear the Gospel to distant nations, must be evermore as we make our work strong in the new States and Territories springing into being in the great West. In setting myself at work on the basis of this knowledge, and with these views, I had the hearty concurrence of the Executive Board. To disentangle the Society from its embarrassments, to maintain in their true spheres and proportions our work among the freedmen, and to augment indefinitely this great work at the West, became my daily study, and the support of the Board in this view of the Society's proper administration has been as constant as my own labors have been fixed and unintermitted.

In carrying into effect these views of administration, certain lines of duty became clear and imperative.

1. The expenses of administration, it was clear, must be reduced to the lowest possible rate consistent with justice and efficiency. Before my appointment the committee to whom the selection of a secretary had been referred, had determined that the salary of the office, which had been \$3,600, must be reduced to \$3,000. In this I concurred, and at one of the first meetings of the Board which I attended, I expressed the conviction that the financial condition of the country, the reduction of salaries of pastors, and of salaries in all departments of business, the prostration of industry and the diminishing of its rewards, would make a general reduc-

tion of the Society's salaries inevitable, and that it was wise to commence with the officer whose salary was largest. To this unwelcome part of administrative duty I have given my full share of attention. All has not been accomplished which it has been desirable to accomplish. But I am able to give the Society the following facts as signs of progress: When I came to the rooms the salaries of those there employed amounted to \$9,700; during the last year they have been \$8,460, and by a schedule framed by a committee on salaries who have given protracted and careful attention to the subject, the salaries of the rooms have been reduced still further to the sum of \$8,110, and this amount is made to include likewise the editing of the Monthly for which, during a large part of the year, a separate charge has been made. The reduction thus accomplished amounts to \$1,590—the Corresponding Secretary's salary being reduced to \$2,500. The number of persons employed when I came to the rooms was six; it is now five, and lower you cannot go. You may make a further reduction of amount paid, but you can do it only by laying your hands on a venerable man who has served the Society for thirty-four years with a fidelity which has never wavered. You can reduce his salary, or you can cast him off in his old age and employ a cheaper substitute. You can substitute for stenographer and general clerk one who shall be general clerk only, but you will perform a doubtful act of economy. For the whole income of the Society, I would not repeat the amount of labor which I have myself performed for the last two years, and this amount of labor would have been a physical impossibility without the aid of a stenographer.

The next and greatest expenditure of the Society was in the direction of District Secretaries, and of General Missionaries charged in part with the duty of collecting funds. When I came to the rooms the amount paid for this service was \$15,500. A gradual reduction to \$12,300 has been accomplished, and as the successive commissions lapse and become renewed the present year, the sum paid will fall to \$9,100. This statement shows an actual reduction reached of \$3,200, and a reduction already arranged for and to go into effect of \$6,400. Added to the reductions accomplished in the rooms, it makes the total reductions of salaries already named \$7,990. The remaining chief salaries of the Society are those paid to teachers. A small reduction has been accomplished in this direction, and the extremely difficult question remains under advisement. Undoubtedly a revision of these salaries is inevitable, painful as it may be, and cannot long be delayed.

The strictest economy in the expenses of the Society is maintained in every direction. A very large percentage of the annual receipts are personal contributions by members of the Board, and annual contributions of churches with which these members are connected. Such men are likely to waste neither other people's money nor their own.

2. It was clear that the comparative claims of freedmen and original missionary work, must be brought to practicable and just relations, such as would best serve the cause, and best satisfy the wishes of donors of our funds. Any administration of the Society which would ignore the claims of the freedmen, or dwarf our work in that direction, would be likely to be brought to early reflection by an empty

treasury. Not less is it true that the neglect of the new States and Territories would find rebuke in contributions withheld. I found the Board beset by complaints in both directions,—that we were ignoring the freedmen—that we were ignoring the West. I studied the problem in the light of the facts which came under my notice in practical administration. I saw the growth of our freedmen work, and with every new view I felt more profoundly its importance. I saw that by the necessities of its growth it would absorb the resources of the Society, and bring to insignificance its general missionary work in the West, without a revival of home mission interest in the churches, and larger contributions. I made it the problem, not how to do less for the freedmen, and more for the West, but how to do more for both,—and to do this in relations wisely adjusted and worthy to be approved. That the Western work, which was under depression, might be raised to efficiency, I brought to bear upon that work every form of advocacy of which I was capable. I traveled thousands of miles that I might be informed; I made public addresses; I wrote multitudinous letters; I gave great prominence to this subject in annual reports, and in other forms of publication,—leaving absolutely no efforts untried to re-arouse the denomination to the importance, beyond the Mississippi, of the work which has given to the Society, as the fruits of its old labors, the Baptists of Ohio, Michigan and Illinois.

I say then that the characteristic work of the executive of the Society, since providence brought me to my place in that department, has been, first, to reduce the expenses of the Society, and, second, to strengthen its whole work with better adjusted relations of its parts, and to do this by bringing the claims of the great West to the better appreciation of the pastors, the brethren, and the sisters of our churches.

I have now given an account of the administration so far as relates to its economy of methods and direct relations to missionary work. I have given you a part only of its responsibilities, and a very small share of its practical perplexities.

If you will turn to the Property Table of the report, you will find that in addition to all school property and other real estate, the administration of the Society is charged with the care and use of funds held in trust to the amount of more than \$400,000. It was my duty, on coming to my position, to learn the condition of this great amount of property, and this I did not fail to do. If on this subject I have some unpleasant things to say, it is not to censure preceding administrations, but to give you facts.

1. There was the church edifice fund, the present nominal amount of which is \$257,980.61. This fund was established on the theory that it was a safe proceeding to lend money to churches for the building of houses of worship, on first mortgage security on their property, and with their solemn covenant to pay principal and interest as due. On examination I found that experience had contradicted the theory, and generally in proportion to the magnitude of the loans. I at once recommended the stopping of large loans—the loaning of money to help the building of edifices of modest pretensions only—in sums no larger than \$500, and this only when that sum would

leave no other debts unpaid. This rule was adopted in practice, and has improved the working of the fund. It has not removed the inherent difficulties of the system, and the fund remains a painful perplexity in administration. A full exhibit of the condition of this fund—the first full exhibit ever attempted—was made to the Society one year ago, with an explicit statement of existing evils, and the remedies applied. The subject was referred to an able committee, and the report of that committee, approving the methods of dealing with the fund which had been adopted by the administration, was confirmed by the vote of the Society. I am not myself hopeful of success by any methods whatever, until churches are less anxious to borrow and more willing to pay.

2. There were the Trust Funds, consisting, first, of those given to the Society by bequest or otherwise, to be invested, and the interest only to be used; and, second, of those given by living persons with other conditions, viz.: An amount equal to an annual interest to be paid therefor during the period of their own lives, or the lives of other designated persons, or the amount of the annual interest to be added to the principal for specified purposes. Gifts of the first class amount, as will be seen by the Property Table, to \$55,615.28, and of the second to \$97,255.91, making a total of trust funds to the amount of \$152,871.19. I came to the secretaryship at a time of great depreciation in the value of almost all forms of property, and especially of real estate in the cities of New York and Brooklyn. It became my duty to inquire into the effect of the depreciation of property on the character of the securities held by the Society, and this I did, giving to the subject all the attention which the claims of other duties allowed, and doing it as if these securities had been my own. I had the immediate and hearty concurrence of the very able Finance Committee of the Board; every piece of property on which we held a mortgage was examined, in nearly every case by an expert; foreclosures were ordered where necessary, even at the risk of being obliged to buy in the property; the method of making investments was changed, and from that time not a dollar has been invested in anything but bonds of the Government of the United States. A large amount of labor has been required in this department of the Society's business. It was my earnest desire to be able at this annual meeting to make it over to my successor in a condition to give him little of the care which has fallen to me. I am able to report progress, and no more. I have specific views of the Society's investments which I believe to be important, but it is not my duty, in giving an account of my own stewardship, to forecast the line of duty for others.

What I would say, then, is that it is an error to suppose that the administration of this Society is charged with no more than the simple duty of making annual collections and disbursements of missionary funds. The Society has grown into an institution of large property, to be cared for and kept to its purposes. In the midst of the financial crisis of the country it has found itself under special burdens, and in special temporary entanglements. Laying aside the real estate in school use, and the real estate of other kinds, of which it has the title or the guardianship, amounting to the nominal sum of more than \$200,000, the Society, as I have shown, has a capital in actual and responsible use of more than \$400,000; it has in charge

the annual collection and disbursement of the income of its capital, and of the contributions of its friends, and the supervision of its educational and missionary work. You may go from Whitehall to Union Square, and nowhere in the city of New York will you find, as I believe, the same amount of capital so perplexingly employed, and the same amount of business transacted, on an expenditure so small as in the rooms of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The weakness of your system, as I judge it from the impossibility of the adequate performance by one man of the duties you have imposed on your Secretary, is in the want of a financial officer, charged with the care of your property and the increase of your available resources. You cannot weaken the center of your work without weakening it in every part.

Mr. President: I have laid before you this view of the administration of the Society and of my own share in it, which seems to have been called for in justice to the Board and myself, in reply to recent most remarkable and unfounded criticisms. I have not gone to the newspapers, I have come to the Society to which the Board and myself are responsible. In that Board are men of the highest order of business ability, who give their time to the Society, and some of them such gifts of money as are equalled in few instances outside of the rooms. Pastors are there, on whom I have laid heavy burdens as members of committees, and they have borne them with a true devotion. Your verdict will do justice to these pastors. For myself, I came to a post which sought me, bringing with me and keeping with me no desire but to make this later public service of my life useful to the denomination which, in various stations, I have now served more than forty and three years in the gospel of Christ. If I could have foreseen the magnitude and the laboriousness of the task, and the obstructions I was destined to encounter, I should have remained in the retirement to which I had already resorted. I shall joy to see the service which I have attempted to perform in the hands of another man, a man of business capacity and experience, of organizing and executive power, of facile public address, capable of high and inspiring leadership, and under whose influence the resources and work of the Society may be redoubled. For myself I ask not a re-election to the office which I have held by your suffrages, not the forbearance of your charity for my infirmities, but the recognition by your justice of the fidelity with which I have served you, as I shall find that recognition in those who come after me in the same service, and in the approbation of God, the judge of the living and the dead.

NOTE.—I may by way of note here introduce a comparative statement of the resources of the Society available in the years ending 1878 and 1879, for Missions and Education, with the relative expenditure in those years for these objects. It was said in the strictures to which reference is here made, that in the year 1877-8, the Society paid for its missionaries only "\$37,488.48, out of an income of \$183,128.13." In estimating this income at that amount the writer overlooked the fact that he had reckoned the Society's debt of \$45,433.18 in its income. Nor is this error the sole deduction to be made. Funds designated for the Freedmen are to be deducted; funds given to the Society to be invested are to be deducted—in a word, all special funds are to be deducted. It is only after these deductions are made that the sum to be disposed of for Missions and Education at the discretion

of the Board is reached. It should further be observed that the General Fund is made by the action of the Society itself, the common source of the support of Missions and Education. All funds available for expenditure, and not specially designated by donors, go into the General Fund.

The following is from an analysis of the Treasurer's reports for the years ending 1878 and 1879:

1878.....	Total amount of the General Fund available for Missions and Education.....	\$93,337 16
	Of which there was spent for Missions.....	40,729 46
	Amount spent for Freedmen, including \$11,807.15 for the Natchez Building.....	\$49,234 85
	Of which there was received specially designated for Freedmen.....	14,606 58
	Leaving.....	\$34,628 27
	To be provided for out of the General Fund.	

1879.....	Total amount of the General Fund available for Missions and Education.....	\$80,635 89
	Of which there was spent for Missions.....	38,924 61
	Amount spent for Freedmen.....	\$37,843 56
	Of which there was received specially designated for Freedmen.....	16,088 89
	Leaving.....	\$21,754 67
	To be provided for out of the General Fund.	

By the above statement it will be seen that in

1878... ..	43	per cent. was spent for Missions.
1879.....	48	" " " "
1878.....	37	" " " "
1879.....	27	" " " Freedmen.

SCHOOLS, 1878-1879,

OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY FOR THE
EDUCATION OF PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

WAYLAND SEMINARY,

Washington, D. C.

STUDENTS.
Male. Female.

<i>Principal</i> —Rev. G. M. P. King.....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof. James Storum.....		
Miss Julia M. Bartlett.....		
“ Elizzie R. Webb.....	65	19

RICHMOND INSTITUTE,

Richmond, Va.

<i>President</i> —Rev. Charles H. Corey.....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof. Joseph E. Jones.....		
“ D. N. Vassar.....		
Mr. Charles J. Daniel.....	88	

SHAW UNIVERSITY,

Raleigh, N. C.

<i>President</i> —Rev. Henry M. Tupper.....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof. Fred L. Spofford.....		
“ D. L. Farrar.....		
“ N. F. Roberts.....		
Miss Martha Powell.....		
“ S. Ada Hall.....		
“ Lizzie L. Haywood.....		
“ Susie A. Fuller.....		
“ Cora Person.....	152	115

BENEDICT INSTITUTE,

Columbia, S. C.

<i>Principal</i> —Rev. Lewis Colby.....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof. E. G. Wooster.....		
Miss Lizzie B. Gibbs.....		
“ Esther A. Allen.....		
Mrs. Esther A. Wooster.....		
Miss Ella C. Saunders.....	88	43

AUGUSTA INSTITUTE,

Augusta, Ga.

STUDENTS.
Male. Female.

<i>Principal</i> —Rev. Joseph T. Robert, LL.D.....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Rev. D. Shaver, D.D.....		
Mr. William E. Holmes.		
" Collins H. Lyons.....	115	

LELAND UNIVERSITY,

New Orleans, La.

<i>President</i> —Seth J. Axtel, Jr.		
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof. Frank D. Shaver.....		
Mr. Solomon T. Clanton....		
Miss Esther A. Coats.....	63	27

NATCHEZ SEMINARY,

Natchez, Miss.

<i>Principal</i> —Rev. Charles Ayer.....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof. Inman E. Page.....		
Mrs. E. C. F. Ayer.....	27	32

NASHVILLE INSTITUTE,

Nashville, Tenn.

<i>Principal</i> —Rev. D. W. Phillips, D.D.....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Rev. Lyman B. Tefft.....		
Mr. Charles S. Dinkins.....		
Miss Emma A. Phillips.....		
" Charlotte Mears.....		
" Mary Ann Frazer.....		
" Carrie V. Dyer.....		
" Addie F. Bickford.....		
" Elizabeth R. George.....		
" Maria Herrick.....		
" Margaret R. Smith.....		
" Mary A. Fiske.....	128	79
Total	726	315
Males.....	726	
Females.....	315	
Total.....	1,041	

WOMEN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

To the Executive Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society:

BRETHREN—In accordance with resolutions passed at Cleveland in May last, the Board of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society take great pleasure in presenting to you the following condensed Report of their work from May 1, 1878, to February 28, 1879, and of their receipts and expenditures from June 1, 1878, to March 31, 1879—ten months of the fiscal year of this Society.

We take pleasure in giving expression to our profound interest in all the various departments of Home Mission work. As "fellow helpers" in disseminating the Gospel and establishing the Kingdom of Christ in the great home mission field, we desire to extend to you the greetings of kindred sympathies and interests, while we pray that God will so bless our united efforts, as soon to cause the wilderness to rejoice, and the desert to "become a fruitful field."

During the year, this Society has had fourteen missionaries under appointment, and has established four new missions. Owing to the prevalence of yellow fever, some of the missionaries were unable to begin their work until early winter. Others have recently been appointed and but just entered on their work. Notwithstanding numerous hindrances, we have reason to rejoice over the work they have been enabled to perform, and the results accomplished, as shown in the following exhibit

MAY 1, 1878.

FEBRUARY 28, 1879.

MISSIONS TO FREEDMEN.

NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.	Weeks of Labor.	Number of Visits Made.	Bible Readings and Teachers' Meetings Conducted.	Sewing Schools and Children's Meetings.	Prayer and Other Meetings.	REMARKS.
Miss J. P. Moore.....	29	2,190	67	82	166	Work suspended four months by prevalence of Yellow Fever. Closed work in July, 1878.
" J. L. Peck.....	26	1,008	70	76	104	
" A. I. Dyer.....	12	400	24	16	60	
" H. R. Jackson.....	12	641	33	39	64	
" S. T. Butler.....	10	277	26	33	33	No Report. Recent appointment.
" R. A. Wilson.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	91	4,516	220	246	427	

BEAUFORT AND VICINITY.

NAMES, &c.	Weeks' Labor.	Visits.	Bible Readings, &c.	Sewing Schools, &c.	Other Meetings.	REMARKS.
Miss M. J. Dennis....	20	116	60	41	54	Work impeded by impaired health.
" E. S. Bishop.....	18	342	69	18	42	
" M. Barker.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ Recently appointed. On her way to the field.
Totals.....	38	458	129	59	96	

NEW BERNE AND JAMES CITY.

NAMES, &c.	Weeks' Labor.	Visits.	Bible Readings, &c.	Sewing Schools, &c.	Other Meetings.	REMARKS.
Miss C. E. Waugh.....	18	1,428	20	18	84	} A continuous revival.
" J. Willmarth.....	18	1,424	30	30	100	
Totals	36	2,852	50	38	184	

MISSION TO SCANDINAVIANS.

THE NORTHWESTERN STATES.

NAME.	Weeks' Labor.	Visits.	Sewing Schools, &c.	Other Meetings.	REMARKS.
Miss E. Johnson.....	12	394	35	20	An efficient worker; accomplishing much good.

MISSION TO INDIANS.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

NAMES, &c.	Weeks' Labor.	Visits.	Bible Readings.	Other Meetings.	REMARKS.
Mrs. E. A. Shaw, M.D.....	24	135	33	53	} Medical services of great value. } Half blood—White and Choctaw. } Commands confidence of her tribe.
" C. Bond.....	20	130	28	47	
Totals	44	265	61	100	Reports very incomplete.

SUMMARY.

Number of Missionaries.....	14
Weeks' Labor.....	221
Visits Made.....	8,485
Bible Readings and Teachers' Meetings Conducted.....	460
Sewing Schools and Children's Meetings Conducted.....	378
Prayer and Other Meetings.....	827

RESULTS.

These, in full, cannot be gathered. In

NEW ORLEANS

thirty-two Sunday-Schools have been organized. Homes improved. Frequent conversions have occurred. Seventy baptisms reported from their Sunday-Schools in the city; many others known to have occurred. In

BEAUFORT

there has been a marked increase of interest, people sometimes following the missionary from house to house, to hear the Bible read and explained. Eight Sunday-Schools have been organized. The

NEW BERNE MISSION

has been blessed with a prolonged and powerful revival. In the

INDIAN TERRITORY,

through the influence of our workers, one meeting-house has been erected by an Indian church, and one local school instituted and sustained. Some wanderers have been reclaimed, and divisions healed. Several hopeful conversions are reported. In the

SCANDINAVIAN WORK,

numbers have been induced to attend church services and Sunday-School, of whom several have been converted.

MRS. C. SWIFT,

Cor. Sec'y.

Mrs. R. R. Donnelley, Treasurer, in account with The Women's Baptist Home Mission Society.

1878, June 1.	RECEIPTS.		Goods.	1878, June 1.	EXPENDITURES.		1878, June 1.
	CASH.						
To Balance Cash on hand.....	\$688 77				By Cash paid Missionaries.....		\$2,840 37
" Receipts from Illinois.....	445 39	\$1,041 56			" " Traveling Expenses.....		301 79
" " Indiana.....	96 86	326 00			" " Corresponding Secretary.....		300 00
" " Indian Territory.....	23 40				" " Special Donations for Freed People.....		131 60
" " Iowa.....	123 72	30 00			" " Special Work by Vice-Presidents, provided for by special contri- butions.....		633 23
" " Massachusetts.....	25 00	61 65			" " Publishing.....		118 50
" " Minnesota.....	10 50				" " Printing and Stationery.....		181 47
" " Missouri.....	2 00				" " Postage.....		72 89
" " New Jersey.....	469 74	140 00			" " Incidental Expenses.....		72 54
" " New York.....	1,635 47	334 50			" " Rent.....		25 00
" " Ohio.....	298 47	137 00					
" " Pennsylvania.....	952 82						
" " Rhode Island.....	719 09						
" " Wisconsin.....	71 43	266 15					
" " Michigan.....	1 00						
" " Utah.....	1 00						
" " Colorado.....	5 00						
" " Dakota.....	1 00						
" " Louisiana.....	200 00						
" " Nebraska.....	18 00						
" " Tennessee.....	1 00						
Miscellaneous (unnamed friends, sale of Reports, Leaflets, &c.).....	1,647 10						
Total.....	\$7,346 76	\$2,336 86			Total.....		\$4,677 39
1879, April 1.	To Balance.....	\$2,669 37					

WOMEN'S AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The following was forwarded by the Board of the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society, Boston, for insertion in this Annual Report :

To the American Baptist Home Mission Society :

The Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society avails itself of this opportunity to send your Board the following condensed statement of its labors.

No previous official report having been given, save in detached communications, we may say, that for six months or more before our organization in the present form, many of the ladies of whom the Society is composed had the matter under prayerful consideration.

There seemed to be already in hand all the work which they could do ; but the urgent need of extending the educational and mission work among the degraded women of the South and West was at length made so apparent that not to heed the finger of God pointing in that direction seemed like a most grievous sin. Then, without hesitation, they consented to enter the field and assume the responsibilities of an organization.

The Society was formed November, 1877. For nearly a year but little was accomplished.

October 4, 1878, Miss S. B. Packard was elected Corresponding Secretary, and the work of organizing Mission Circles and enlisting workers was earnestly pushed forward by the ladies, with a remarkable, even gladsome, zeal that could not, and did not, fail to awaken a deeper interest than heretofore among the churches regarding Woman's Home Mission Work.

During these *six months* this Society has received the sum of \$2,766.19.

Previous to that date, the sum of \$549.18 was received, making a total of \$3,315.37 :

From Massachusetts.....	\$2,759.96
“ Maine.....	63.75
“ Vermont.....	114.17
“ New Hampshire.....	13.50
“ Connecticut.....	218.39
“ Rhode Island.....	50.00
“ New York.....	49.00
“ New Jersey.....	11.60
“ Pennsylvania.....	5.00
“ Indiana.....	30.00

Sent to Missionaries and teachers barrels and cases of books and clothing, valued over \$1,000.

Number of Life Members, 84.

The income has not been as great as it doubtless will be in future months, owing to the fact that this is a time of seed-sowing. We have been engaged in the organization of new societies, and endeavoring to increase the interest of this work among the women of New England. We have now one hundred and two (102) churches contributing to our Treasury.

Our way has not been altogether smooth. We have met with difficulties, some of which have seemed almost insurmountable; but God has wonderfully blessed us, and we feel that the foundation is now laid for a noble work. In November last we sent to the Indian Territory two Missionaries, viz. : Miss Sarah H. Champney and Mrs. Sarah A. Kelly. Miss Champney commenced her school with three scholars ; they are now increased to seventy-two. These are the children of the former slaves of the Indians.

At the same date, Miss Emma F. Adams and Miss Mary E. Abercrombie entered upon their missionary work at Nashville, Tenn. They have been occupied as Bible readers ; also visiting from house to house, establishing Sabbath Schools and sewing schools, carrying the Gospel to those in prison, and in various ways seeking to elevate ignorant and degraded households to a higher and better way of life.

They have done all this with a delightful self-forgetfulness, esteeming it a privilege to labor for Christ, who has crowned their efforts by gathering souls into his vineyard. Few chapters in the history of missions furnish brighter examples of courage, endurance, patience and zeal, than is furnished in the records of all these godly, women who have carried the blessings of learning and consolations of religion to those ignorant and degraded people. Submitting to dangers, privations and hard fare, they are quietly laboring on, with unabated constancy and faith.

We have in part supported Mrs. H. N. Hart in Georgia, who has been in the South teaching for many years, laboring to elevate those of her own sex.

We have also assumed the support of two colored teachers in Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., viz. : Misses Susan B. Fuller and Cora Person. Also *nine* colored students: *one* in Madison University, N. Y.; *one* in Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C.; *two* in Benedict Institute, Columbia, S. C.; *two* in Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.; and *three* in Nashville Institute, Tenn.

We are truly grateful for what we have received and have been permitted to accomplish, yet we feel our work has but just begun, and unitedly we are determined to prosecute it unfalteringly until the millions of the benighted in this land, and the 150 millions of Africa are won as trophies for Christ.

Mrs. THOMAS NICKERSON, *Chairman Ex. Com.*

SOPHIA B. PACKARD, *Cor. Sec'y.*

PROCEEDINGS

IN RELATION TO WOMEN'S WORK IN HOME MISSIONS.

The following are the documents referred to on page 38 of the Annual Report of the Executive Board :

MEMORIAL TO THE BOARD FROM BOSTON.

BOSTON, Feb. 14, 1879.

TO THE BOARD OF THE BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, NEW YORK :

DEAR BRETHREN :

Whereas, the Home Mission Society, at its meeting in Cleveland, recognized the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Headquarters in Chicago, as a co-operative denominational body; and whereas that Society has established several branches in various cities of the Eastern States; and whereas another Woman's Home Mission Society has been organized in Boston, under the auspices of the New York Board; and as we believe conflicting claims of these two bodies may lead to trouble in our churches, we respectfully request the Board in New York to see whether it is not practicable to so unite these Societies as to give us only one General Woman's Home Mission Organization in this country.

George C. Lorimer, Union Temple Church; Robert G. Seymour, Ruggles Street Church; Henry C. Mabie, Brookline Church; George F. Warren, Trinity Baptist Church; D. C. Eddy, Hyde Park Church; C. B. Crane, First Baptist Church, Boston; H. A. Sawtelle, Cary Avenue Church, Chelsea; Samuel W. Foljambe, Malden Baptist Church; Charles H. Rowe, Charles River Church; Fenner B. Dickinson, Bowdoin Square Church; Henry A. Cooke, Pastor Baptist Church; J. Spencer Kennard, Central Square Church; Franklin Johnson, Old Cambridge Church; William S. Apsey, North Avenue Church, Cambridge, Mass.; T. J. B. House, Methuen Baptist Church; O. T. Walker, Pastor of Harvard Street Church; R. M. Nott, Pastor Brookville Church; D. P. Morgan, Pastor First Baptist Church, Beverly; Edward A. Capen, Pastor Watertown; Amos Harris, Baptist Church, Weston; Arthur J. Hovey, Baptist Church, Stoneham; Luther G. Barrett, Baptist Church, South Abington; George W. Bosworth, Superintendent of Mass. Baptist Convention; Henry Hinckley, East Baptist Church, Lynn; C. H. Spalding, Arlington; O. E. Mallory, Tabernacle, Lowell; J. F. Morton, Newton Upper Falls; Henry M. King, Dudley Street Church; W. H. H. Marsh, Central Baptist Church, Salem; D. H. Taylor, Jamaica Plain; H. F. Barnes, Winchester; Edward Mills, Woburn; Thomas S. Samson, of Newton; A. J. Gordon, Clarendon Street Church.

MEMORIAL FROM PROVIDENCE, R. I.

TO THE BOARD OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY :

DEAR BRETHREN—

The undersigned, earnestly desiring a union of Baptist women in the work of Home Missions, respectfully submit to you, and ask you actively to promote, a scheme of organization in our judgment feasible, equitable and suited to all requirements.

Those requirements are: 1. To provide for the *objects*. 2. To reconcile the *methods* of existing Societies. The chief *object* of the Chicago Society is to send women as missionaries to the homes of Indian women and of the freed-women. Beside the above object, the Boston Society aims to support teachers for the freedmen in schools of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The essential element in the Chicago *method* is that the ladies control the appointment of their missionaries and the disbursement of their funds. The Boston method proposes, in the employment of teachers, to bring relief to the treasury of the Board in New York. *Accordingly,*

I. The *chief objects* proposed for the New Society are to support missionaries to the freed-women and Indians, and teachers in the freedmen's schools.

II. The *method* proposed for the new Society is as follows:

(a) That the management be vested in a Board of ladies located in New York.

(b) That any contributions designated to either of the proposed objects by individual donors or by affiliated State or local societies be held exclusively for such purpose, after deducting the necessary expenses of the organization, so far as not otherwise provided for. That any contributions not specially designated be first drawn upon for current expenses, and the balance, if any, be divided between the two objects of the Society in a proportion to be agreed upon when the union is formed.

(c) That the Ladies' Board appoint the missionaries and teachers to be supported by it, and fix their compensation, subject in both particulars to confirmation by the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

(d) That all money collected under the direction of said Board of Ladies be reported to, and all payments at least to persons connected with the schools of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, be made through the Treasury of said American Baptist Home Mission Society.

(e) That only the missionaries and teachers now supported by the two National Societies, or by such State and local societies as shall be affiliated to the proposed National Society, be engaged during the coming year, unless an increase of funds warrants the employment of others.

(f) That all life-members of the two National Societies be life members of the new society.

The subscribers respectfully submit that the foregoing plan would secure what is essential in the view of the Ladies' Board located in Chicago, viz.: the right practically to control the funds raised by them; that the Boston Board of Ladies would

reach the end peculiar to them, viz.: that all money raised for the purpose should go to support the teachers, and so far to relieve the treasury, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; and that an amount considerably above what is raised by both Boards would be divided between the cherished objects upon which Baptist women are engaged. We also suggest that the present posture of affairs would not be changed in any particular except that one society would do what two now attempt, thus securing to the churches, peace, and to all departments of Home Mission work, increased contributions; and that, since no sacrifice is proposed to either party, this plan should be acceptable to all who do not require the abandonment of work now in progress. A plan which provides for only one side is not a plan of union, and must necessarily fail.

Elias H. Johnson, Pastor Union Baptist Church, Providence; Edward G. Taylor, Pastor First Baptist Church, Providence; M. H. Bixby, Pastor Cranston Street, Providence; George Bullen, Pastor First Baptist Church, Pawtucket; W. W. Everts, Jr., Fourth Baptist Church; S. K. Dexter, Warren Baptist Church; F. Denison; A. N. Arnold; Howard M. Jones, Pastor Bristol Church; Samuel Richards; Mylon Merriam, Pastor Second, East Providence; C. A. Maryott, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Lonsdale, R. I.; E. P. Farnham, Pastor of the Friendship Street Baptist Church, Providence; T. W. Sheppard, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Phenix, R. I.; W. S. Emery, Baptist Church, Natick, R. I.; Isaac Chesebrough, First Baptist Church, East Providence; Justus Aldrich, State Missionary of R. I.; Henry S. Latham, Jr., Oak Lawn Baptist Church; Edward K. Fuller, Minister at Large; J. B. Child, Pastor Pawtuxet Church; N. B. Randall, Jefferson Street Church; D. C. Easton, Valley Falls; B. S. Morse, Broadway, Providence; S. G. Woodrow, South Baptist, Providence.

The Circular and Report on the foregoing memorials were as follows:

CIRCULAR.

The undersigned, a Committee of the Executive Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, appointed for that purpose, herewith send most respectfully to the Woman's Home Mission Societies of the Baptist denomination, a plan for the organization of a Central Union of such Societies, and earnestly solicit for it their favorable consideration. It is suggested in the interest of peace and union, as a measure in which friends of all parties have endeavored to reconcile the different methods of different societies, on a basis of mutual respect and mutual concessions. It is proposed, in order to bring friction to an end, and to promote efficiency by united action. In the Board of the Home Mission Society this measure, taken on the suggestion of brethren in Boston and Providence, no interest or wish prevails but to secure the harmony of our Home Mission work in perfect consistency with the largest freedom of our sisters in the choice of their fields and methods, and in the disbursement of their funds.

We ask, therefore, that representatives be appointed by Societies and Provisional Organizations as proposed in the plan; and to meet the objection to the life-mem-

bership feature which has been made, it is proposed that while all representatives present under the provisions of the plan shall have each a vote, the life-members from each State shall act as one person, and cast one vote only for such State.

The hour and place of meeting will be arranged at the anniversaries at Saratoga Springs.

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AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION ROOMS,
New York, April 21, 1879.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON A MEMORIAL FROM BAPTIST PASTORS OF BOSTON, PROVIDENCE, AND VICINITY.
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD APRIL 14, 1879.

To the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society :

The Committee to whom was referred a communication signed by thirty-four brethren of Boston and its vicinity, and which contained the inquiry: "Whether it is not practicable so to unite the different Women's Baptist Home Mission Societies that there shall be only one general Women's Baptist Home Mission organization in this country?" would respectfully report, that we have given to the subject the deliberate and careful attention which its importance demands.

The brethren who sign the memorial seem not to have understood precisely the history of the societies whose work they seek to harmonize, but that consideration is of minor consequence compared with the desirable ends which they have in view.

Since the Society whose seat is in Chicago has, by the change of its original constitution, assumed a separate and independent position, it becomes a question to what extent this Board can with propriety offer suggestions as to its plans of operation. With respect to the Society at Boston, which continues in connection with ours, and does its work through our Treasury, greater freedom might naturally be expected. Viewed from another point, however,—since we are all friends of home missions, and brethren and sisters in the same denomination,—it may be taken for granted that we are all desirous to ascertain, and to do, what is best for the cause. This is doubtless the

proper view to take of this question, and it will be so considered in this report.

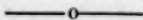
The American Baptist Home Mission Society has been from its organization largely dependent on the contributions of women. It was shown in the last annual report of the Society (p. 48) that, of 693 persons who had made bequests to its treasury, 375, or almost sixty per cent., were women; and of the total sum of \$378,933.40 received from such bequests, \$148,328.81, or almost forty per cent., were received from the bequests of women. These important facts, however, only faintly indicate what women have done for the Society, and illustrate but partially its dependence upon them. Not only do their personal contributions flow into every church collection, but it is women who, in relation to both home and foreign missions, as well as to every form of church work, do so much by their intelligence, their sympathy, and their religious constancy, to keep in action and to render productive the interest of their brothers, husbands, and children. It has therefore been most truthfully said that women are as essential to the missionary organizations of a community of churches as they are to the work of any particular church. Hence any attempts to maintain missionary organizations apart from them would be futile, and whatever tends to weaken their sympathy and alienate their co-operation will to that extent be calamitous. The question, therefore, of the duty of the Executive Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, under the circumstances referred to in the memorial from Boston, is as grave as it is delicate. A portion of the women of our churches are united in the support of a women's society which has withdrawn from its original connection with this Society; and a portion are united in the support of a women's society which preserves that connection, and works through this Society. By the action of this Society at the annual meeting (Rep., pp. 24, 25), the first of these women's societies was welcomed as "an associate agency in the work of home evangelization," and to the last was expressed its "cordial sympathy and fellowship" as an association acting in closer relations with this Society "in the prosecution of its work." The Boston brethren in their memorial express the belief that the "conflicting claims of these two bodies may lead to trouble in our churches," and ask whether the Home Mission Board cannot adopt some measure or measures which shall tend to promote their unification. Toward the solution of this question the following considerations seem to be important:

1. This Board must do nothing which will alienate the sisterhood of our churches from sympathy with its great work, and co-operation in promoting it. The work which this society has been doing from its beginning—that is, carrying the Gospel to the men, women and children of the new States and Territories—must still be prosecuted; and the help of women, hitherto so warmly and bountifully extended, must still be invoked and secured, if this Society is to have a prosperous existence in the future. So also in respect to our work among the Freedmen, especially our great effort to educate preach-

ers and teachers of their own race, and to purify and elevate their domestic and social life; if this work is to go on, it must have in the future the co-operation of our sisters as it has had it in the past. Failing of that co-operation in this Freedmen's department, as in the other, it must be dwarfed and enfeebled. Therefore, we repeat, this Board must do nothing which will tend to estrange our sisters from this Society, but rather seek to win their interest and labors in its behalf.

2. Furthermore, this Board in administering a trust which is so largely dependent on women, must of necessity invite and encourage the support of those women who desire to associate in organic relations with this Society, that they may help more vigorously its *general* support, and take up those *special* forms of its work which appeal to their womanly sympathy. It would be suicidal for this Society to turn coldly from women who come to it with the proffer of their co-operation and support. It is in just this form that large numbers of women in New England are now associated, and this Board has not the right to sacrifice their friendship and co-operation. In this manner, also, women of Western States are associated, or are now associating: and to turn away from New England women who offer the Society their support, would be to turn away from women of similar convictions and associations in the West. No society can live which thus treats its friends. The support of women's societies directly connected with it is what this Society now imperatively needs, and to question its duty to invite and encourage such support is to question its duty to exist.

These considerations appear to be *fundamental*. If our Boston brethren had presented the question whether this Board would unite in conference with representatives of both these women's societies for the purpose of finding a method of *unification* best adapted to do the Home Missionary work of the denomination, there could be no doubt of our duty to take part in such a conference. To something of that kind these differences must come eventually; and the sooner the better for the interests of the cause entrusted to our hands by the Head of His church. Nothing, in our judgment, can be gained toward unanimity by mere majority votes on either side. We must be prepared to find union in our great work by mutual respect and mutual concessions, leaving to experience, and to the developments of divine providence, the further improvements in our methods of working which may be found necessary.



After the foregoing report was prepared letters were received at the rooms giving information that brethren of Providence had taken the same subject into consideration, and that a memorial signed by them would be communicated by Dr. Johnson of that city, who expressed a desire to see this committee before its report should be presented. A meeting was therefore held on Thursday last, at which Dr. Johnson communicated the memorial of the

Providence brethren, and its suggestions were made the subject of protracted and careful deliberation, with an earnest desire on the part of all to accomplish the union of all friends of Home Mission work.

The Providence memorial, different from that from Boston, contained outlines of a plan for the formation of new women's society, to have its seat of operations in New York, and intended to accomplish the purposes, and reconcile the methods, of the societies now existing at Chicago and Boston. Its propositions were so definite as to require a more specific response than was required by the Boston memorial, and without waiting for further instructions from the Board, the Committee proceeded to consider the practicability of carrying those propositions into effect. It is not needful to go into a full statement of the difficulties which became apparent in the course of the discussion. It was necessary to take a somewhat broader view of the subject than either of the memorials contemplated, as there are large numbers of ladies in the east and in the west, who are deeply interested in Home Missions, and neither having nor being likely to have any connection with either the Chicago or the Boston Society.

Your Committee are entirely convinced that this Society cannot assume the responsibility of declining the organized aid in its work of the women of our churches. In the former part of this report the views of the Committee have been so fully stated on that subject that they need not be repeated here. In the various parts of the country women are tendering their co-operation, and asking that they may render it in organic relations, and this Committee are thoroughly satisfied that the harmony and efficiency of the work can be best secured by such relations. The Committee wish to be understood that they desire and advocate the most ample liberty of our sisters in the selection of their fields and the disbursement of their funds, and they are certain that this is entirely compatible with relations which are organic. Acting therefore very largely on the suggestions of the Providence Memorial, but modifying them at points deemed vital to successful work, they recommend

THE FOLLOWING PLAN:

1. The formation of a Central Union of Baptist Women's Home Mission Societies.
2. That this Central Union shall be composed of representatives appointed by women's societies, whose limits are bounded by single or associated States, and of life members of such societies, such representatives and such life members to have always equal powers.
3. That in order to avoid in the annual meetings of the proposed union a preponderance of representatives from States near which the meeting is held, the delegation from each Society shall not contain more than three persons from each State which it includes.
4. That this Central Union so composed shall appoint annually, or in

classes, an Executive Committee, whose rooms shall be contiguous to those of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, for purposes of easy consultation, and whose business it shall be to combine the Home Mission funds and labors of all women's societies represented in the Union; to define the territory within which such represented societies shall severally collect their funds; with the concurrence of the Executive Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, to appoint missionaries, teachers, or beneficiary students, and to disburse funds for the support of the same; and, in general, to be the medium of receiving and communicating information for the enlightenment, stimulus and help of the affiliated societies.

5. That the powers of the represented societies reserved to themselves, and the powers granted to the Central Union, be so balanced as on the one hand to give all practicable liberty to local choice of work on the part of the represented societies, and on the other hand to impart vigor and strength to the work of the Central Union.

6. In order to the practical carrying into effect of this plan of operations at an early day, representatives from all existing State or Sectional Societies so disposed, to the number of three from each State, with their life members, and from provisional organizations of the same character, be requested to meet at Saratoga Springs, on Friday, the 30th day of May, 1879, with power to organize such a Central Union, and authorize its operations; and that a committee be appointed to represent this Board at that meeting.

Your Committee believe the present to be a crisis in the history of our Baptist work in Home Missions, when the members of this Board and all friends of our missionary work should study the things which make for peace, that we may the better do the great work committed to us by the providence of God.

We recommend that this report be sent as our answer to the brethren in Boston and Providence, and be incorporated in the annual report of this Board.

Respectfully and unanimously submitted.

W. H. PARMLY,	} Committee.
J. F. ELDER,	
E. T. HISCOX,	
T. D. ANDERSON,	
J. B. THOMAS,	

NEW YORK, *April 14, 1879.*

MISSIONARY TABLE

For 1878-1879.

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES, TEACHERS, ETC.	FIELDS OF LABOR.	Weeks of Labor.	Sermons Preached.	Prayer and other Meet- ings attended.	Families or Persons Religiously Visited.	Contributions to Be- nevolent Objects.	Number Baptized.	Churches Organized.	Teachers and Scholars in Sunday-Schools and Bible Classes.
S. W. Marston, D.D.....	Superintendent of Missions to the Freedmen	9	5	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MAINE.									
Eusebe Leger.....	French	52	216	150	3152	.....	8	..	80
VERMONT.									
A. L. Therrien.....	French in Burlington.....	52	85	65	373	.....	9	..	89
MASSACHUSETTS.									
A. P. Mason, D.D.....	{ District Secretary for New } England.....	52	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. N. Williams.....	French in New England.....	52	165	55	1076	68 33	1	..	.....
F. X. Smith.....	French in Fall River.....	52	150	47	1148	.....	2	..	.....
C. F. Jensen.....	Germans in Boston.....	26	74	42	145	3 00	1	1	77
CONNECTICUT.									
E. J. Deckman.....	Germans in New Haven.....	52	149	52	449	288 05	6	..	215
J. H. Moehlmann.....	Germans in Meriden.....	52	156	61	352	148 55	.....	.....	86
C. H. Schmidt.....	Germans in New Britain.....	26	55	29	169	10 00	.....	.....	90
NEW YORK.									
C. P. Sheldon, D.D.....	{ District Secretary for New } York and Northern New Jersey.....	52	76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. Hoefflin.....	Germans in Syracuse.....	39	131	97	132	32 00	8	..	166
Henry Trumpp.....	Germans in Albany.....	52	195	58	599	229 40	4	..	136
John Senn.....	Germans in Holland.....	52	115	68	208	55 60	.....	.....	50
NEW JERSEY.									
J. C. Kraft.....	Germans in Newark.....	13	39	21	476	10 00	1	..	112
PENNSYLVANIA.									
Thomas Swaim, D.D.....	{ Dist. Sec. for Southern N. J., } Penn. Del., Md., W. Va., and Dist. of Columbia.....	52	104	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zachariah Martin.....	Germans in Erie.....	52	135	92	310	91 50	6	..	172
Henry A. Griep.....	Germans in Scranton.....	52	131	132	573	112 00	6	..	148
J. S. Miller.....	Germans in Warrensville.....	52	177	73	318	9 50	7	..	68
E. Graalmann.....	Germans in Williamsport.....	39	88	53	220	57 40	.....	.....	57
John C. Schmitt.....	Germans in Philadelphia.....	26	79	73	305	.....	9	..	176
DELAWARE.									
James M. Hope.....	Wyoming and Magnolia.....	13	34	13	25	.....	.....	.....	84
Wm. Henry Young.....	Milford.....	39	115	41	168	28 20	6	..	69
DIST. OF COLUMBIA.									
*G. M. P. King.....	Wayland Seminary.....	52	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*James Storum.....	Wayland Seminary.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Julia M. Bartlett..	Wayland Seminary.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Elizzie R. Webb...	Wayland Seminary.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Teachers.

Names of Missionaries, Teachers, Etc.	Fields of Labor.	Weeks of Labor.	Sermons Preached.	Prayer and other Meet- ings attended.	Families or Persons Religiously Visited.	Contributions to Be- nevolent Objects.	Number Baptized.	Churches Organized.	Teachers and Scholars in Sunday-Schools and Bible Classes
VIRGINIA.									
D. F. Leach.....	Mecklenburg and Lunen- burg Counties.....	52	124	61	220	96 31	179	2	294
J. M. Dawson.....	Williamsburg.....	52	221	101	504	77 49	6	..	235
H. Papenhauser.....	Germans in Richmond.....	26	27	..	300	..	..	..	..
Joseph E. Jones.....	Colored People.....	9	16	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Charles H. Corey.....	Richmond Institute.....	52	49	..	..	..	..	..	..
*C. J. Daniel.....	Richmond Institute.....	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Joseph E. Jones.....	Richmond Institute.....	34	13	..	..	..	..	..	..
*D. N. Vassar.....	Richmond Institute.....	34	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
WEST VIRGINIA.									
Thomas F. Clancy.....	Wheeling.....	52	167	135	180	57 18	1	..	138
T. C. Johnson.....	Charleston.....	52	129	59	380	50 23	7	..	161
KENTUCKY.									
H. Gellert.....	Germans in Newport.....	52	168	109	638	137 00	4	..	110
TENNESSEE.									
N. H. Ensley.....	Colored People.....	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miss Emma F. Adams.....	Col'd People in Nashville and vic.	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miss Mary E. Abercrom- bie.....	Col'd People in Nashville and vic.	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*D. W. Phillips, D.D.....	Nashville Institute.....	52	54	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Lyman B. Tefft.....	Nashville Institute.....	52	22	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Mary A. Frazer.....	Nashville Institute.....	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Emma A. Phillips.....	Nashville Institute.....	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Charlotte Mears.....	Nashville Institute.....	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Addie F. Bickford.....	Nashville Institute.....	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Elizb'th R. George.....	Nashville Institute.....	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Maria Herrick.....	Nashville Institute.....	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Margaret R. Smith.....	Nashville Institute.....	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Carrie V. Dyer.....	Nashville Institute.....	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Mary A. Fiske.....	Nashville Institute.....	†	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Charles S. Dinkins.....	Nashville Institute.....	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH CAROLINA.									
*H. M. Tupper.....	Shaw University.....	52	30	96	..	..	..	..	..
*Fred. A. Spofford.....	Shaw University.....	35	10	..	..	..	..	..	40
*N. F. Roberts.....	Shaw University.....	35	..	17	..	..	..	..	140
*D. L. Farrar.....	Shaw University.....	9	11	1	..	..	..	..	18
*Miss S. Ada Hall.....	Shaw University.....	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
*Miss Martha Powell.....	Shaw University.....	35	..	65	..	..	..	..	12
*Miss Lizzie L. Haywood.....	Shaw University.....	26	..	43	..	..	..	..	10
*Miss Susie A. Fuller.....	Shaw University.....	26	..	67	..	..	..	..	14
*Miss Cora Person.....	Shaw University.....	26	..	68	..	..	..	..	10
SOUTH CAROLINA.									
I. P. Brockinton.....	Darlington.....	52	164	79	683	70 00	14	..	265
*Lewis Colby.....	Benedict Institute.....	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*E. G. Wooster.....	Benedict Institute.....	52	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Lizzie B. Gibbs.....	Benedict Institute.....	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Esther A. Allen.....	Benedict Institute.....	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Mrs. Esther A. Wooster.....	Benedict Institute.....	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Ella C. Saunders.....	Benedict Institute.....	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
GEORGIA.									
G. B. Mitchell.....	Colored People.....	52	174	110	1089	27 80	18	2	152
J. H. Corley.....	Colored People.....	52	134	62	147	..	27

* Teachers.

† Not reported.

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		Weeks of Labor.	Sermons Preached.	Prayer and other Meetings attended.	Families or Persons Religiously Visited.	Contributions to Benevolent Objects.	Number Baptized.	Churches Organized.
E. K. Love.....	Colored People.....	39	187	38	29	1 50	...	...
C. H. Lyons.....	Colored People.....	34	111	9	...	...	...	921
*Joseph T. Robert, LL.D.	Augusta Institute.....	52	24	79	...	...	...	...
*C. H. Lyons.....	Augusta Institute.....	26	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Wm. E. Holmes.....	Augusta Institute.....	52	...	...	...	...	...	...
*D. Shaver, D.D.....	Augusta Institute.....	23	...	...	...	...	...	...
FLORIDA.								
John Alston.....	Fernandina.....	52	200	89	27	51 45	11	169
ALABAMA.								
C. O. Booth.....	Montgomery and Talledega....	13	17	24	55	12 00	5	132
MISSISSIPPI.								
Miss Carrie R. Vaughan.	Col'd People in Natchez and vic.	9	...	4	...	...	...	...
Miss Lucy M. Keeler....	Col'd People in Natchez and vic.	9	...	4	...	...	...	...
*Charles Ayer.....	Natchez Seminary.....	52	11	9	...	...	...	...
*Mrs. E. C. F. Ayer....	Natchez Seminary.....	17	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Iman E. Page.....	Natchez Seminary.....	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
LOUISIANA.								
Miss Carrie R. Vaughan.	{ Colored People in New Or- } leans and vicinity.....	13	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Seth J. Axtell, Jr.....	Leland University.....	17	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Frank D. Shaver.....	Leland University.....	17	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss Esther A. Coats...	Leland University.....	17	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Soloman T. Clanton...	Leland University.....	17	...	...	...	...	...	...
ARKANSAS.								
J. B. McKay.....	Sevier and Little River Counties.	39	143	85	902	10 00	23 4	320
MICHIGAN.								
O. F. Zeckser.....	Germans in Battle Creek.....	13	40	22	117	3 00	7	76
O. F. Zeckser.....	Germans in Newton.....	39	125	63	294	32 75	...	47
Ludwig Hein.....	Germans in Nashville.....	9	18	10	15	...	...	17
H. Fellman.....	Germans in Detroit.....	52	151	119	251	23 00	7	98
L. Glaesser.....	Germans in White River.....	52	120	104	345	74 50	3	58
OHIO.								
S. B. Page, D.D.....	{ District Secretary for Ohio, } Michigan, and Indiana....	52	47	35	...	...	...	...
INDIANA.								
William Hildreth.....	New Albany.....	52	137	75	405	48 00	40	283
A. C. Davidson.....	Bloomington.....	52	133	111	483	118 22	1	135
Ernest Tschirch.....	Germans in Indianapolis....	52	109	159	416	134 99	...	130
C. Tecklenburg.....	Germans in Evansville.....	26	85	30	207	50 00	...	66
ILLINOIS.								
William M. Haigh, D.D.	{ District Secretary for Illi- } nois, Wisconsin, Minne- sota, Nebraska and Iowa }	52	102	...	...	...	...	...
Henry Wernicke.....	Germans in Somonauk.....	13	45	39	63	80 50	...	44
Henry Wernicke.....	Germans in Bloomington.....	13	58	33	72	15 00	...	98
W. H. Wilson.....	Effingham.....	13	28	15	181	...	...	112
WISCONSIN.								
H. J. Miller.....	Germans in North Freedom....	39	133	54	242	156 32	3	68
E. S. Thomas.....	Winnebago Association.....	39	134	48	563	5 00	19	120
E. J. Stevens.....	Richland Centre.....	13	54	36	241

* Teachers.

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		13	124	13	400	37		
W. J. Kermott.....	{ Mt. Ida, Lancaster, Boscobel, and other places..... }	13	124	13	400	37	193	
MINNESOTA.										
J. W. Riddle.....	General Missionary.....	18	55	39	176	.....	.....	.....	.....	113
H. J. Miller.....	Germans in Hastings.....	10	28	11	84	18	98	1	.....	56
J. F. Hoeftlin.....	Germans in St. Paul.....	52	154	57	241	122	25	.....	.....	132
F. W. Allnutt.....	Spring Valley.....	26	64	20	130	27	50	.....	.....	16
John Hollstrom.....	{ Swedes in Wilmar, Lake Lil- lian, and Kandiyohi..... }	26	52	9	112	.....	.....	7	.....	187
A. B. Orgren.....	Swedes in Minneapolis.....	52	236	105	411	210	10	19	1	60
John E. Wood.....	Detroit and Pelican Valley.....	26	76	26	330	13	00	3	2	110
William M. Wells.....	Alexandria.....	26	70	26	217	19	00	4	.....	108
E. C. Saunders.....	Le Sueur.....	26	67	25	157	94	00	.....	.....	175
W. E. Stanley.....	Red Wing.....	52	107	81	173	40	00	1	.....	82
M. D. Reeves.....	Parker's Prairie.....	52	209	195	189	59	65	7	.....	44
G. N. Annes.....	Waseca.....	13	40	13	84	1	00	.....	.....	114
G. N. Annes.....	Dodge Centre.....	13	51	30	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	36
R. A. Clapp.....	St. James.....	52	116	63	425	36	35	3	.....	.....
A. A. Linne.....	Scandinavians in Fergus Falls.....	26	67	21	79	10	50	2	.....	.....
J. O. Modahl.....	{ Norwegians in Rolling Fork and vicinity..... }	20	79	16	71	16	18	10	.....	.....
Martin Dahlquist.....	{ Swedes in South-Western Minnesota..... }	26	81	25	273	5	93	1	.....	.....
Joseph Rockwood.....	New Auburn and Norwood.....	26	65	42	180	33	00	5	1	214
R. A. Shadick.....	{ Meriden, Clinton Falls, and Morristown..... }	52	118	46	281	80	00	14	.....	.....
N. F. Hoyt.....	Albert Lea.....	26	52	35	60	53	80	8	.....	48
John Engler.....	Germans in Sharon.....	39	84	8	176	210	00	1	.....	23
Olaus Okerson.....	Swedes in Hastings, Houston, etc	26	151	17	232	104	00	13	.....	71
A. L. Cole.....	St. Cloud.....	26	56	27	242	22	03	5	.....	57
E. B. Haskell.....	Sauk Centre and Kandota.....	26	66	39	75	6	00	.....	1	47
S. Adams.....	Granite Falls.....	26	83	44	271	12	00	.....	.....	21
Johan A. H. Johnson.....	Scandinavians in Minneapolis.....	26	101	54	126	7	75	9	.....	26
A. B. Nordberg.....	Swedes in St. Paul.....	26	103	53	156	38	25	4	.....	.....
Henry A. Reichenbach.....	{ Scandinavians in So. Western Minnesota..... }	22	115	37	245	.....	.....	19	.....	120
P. W. Fuller.....	Lake Amelia.....	26	107	52	195	10	00	.....	.....	32
M. A. Blowers.....	Monticello and Silver Creek.....	13	34	30	45	1	40	.....	.....	12
Andrew Person.....	Swedes in Willmar and vicinity.....	13	45	20	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	85
Adam Chambers.....	Forest City.....	13	28	35	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
F. S. Ashmore.....	Montevideo.....	10	20	10	.....	3	00	.....	.....	25
C. H. Richardson.....	Marshall.....	9	23	26	63	7	00	.....	.....	.....
Peter E. Edmund.....	Lake Elizabeth and Lake Lillian.....	†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
O. S. Lindberg.....	Swedes in Cokato.....	†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IOWA.										
Theodore Hessell.....	{ Scandinavians in Iowa and Dakota..... }	52	181	108	241	92	15	9	.....	111
J. L. Coppoc.....	Clear Lake.....	13	41	26	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	88
J. L. Coppoc.....	Spirit Lake.....	39	104	41	293	4	00	.....	.....	55
P. H. Dam.....	Scandinavians in Western Iowa.....	39	128	40	322	.....	.....	5	.....	100
Charles Payne.....	Knoxville.....	13	27	22	121	6	90	.....	.....	68
T. F. Thickstun.....	Council Bluffs.....	52	171	95	627	89	10	12	.....	213
J. F. Childs.....	Stuart.....	33	115	50	296	13	60	3	.....	55
J. Edminster.....	Cherokee.....	39	129	58	444	34	00	2	.....	97
Thomas Powell.....	Fort Madison.....	39	140	55	608	25	00	232
B. F. Mace.....	Osceola and Chariton.....	†

† Not reported.

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MISSOURI.											
V. T. Settle.....	{ Fredericktown, Ironton and } Annapolis.....	52	190	64	314	38 55	22	..	175		
Charles Ohlgart.....	Germans in St. Louis.....	39	104	90	200	165 00	21	..	268		
J. W. Swift.....	Butler.....	13	27	14	13	..	1	..	66		
J. G. Lemen.....	Lebanon.....	26	100	19	154	268 00	1	..	88		
J. C. Davidson.....	Sedalia.....	39	175	66	375	182 00	7	..	112		
T. W. Barrett.....	Jefferson City.....	39	127	63	103	13 75	15	..	151		
INDIAN TERRITORY.											
George W. Ingalls.....	General Missionary for Indians.	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Daniel Rogers.....	Indian Territory.....	45	127	75	185	96 75	6	2	..		
Munday Durant.....	Creek Indians.....	52	131	78	63	..	4	..	73		
Adam L. Lacie.....	Cherokee Indians.....	52	157	112	507	10 10	12	1	120		
George Swimmer.....	Cherokee Indians.....	52	153	67	91	..	12	..	102		
William McComb.....	Creek and Seminole Indians.....	13	43	17	21	..	10	1	..		
Daniel Perryman.....	Creek and Seminole Indians.....	26	110	77	14	..	7	..	24		
J. A. Trenchard.....	Choctaw Indians.....	52	279	137	1235	..	82	2	493		
John Kernal.....	Creek Indians.....	39	117	60	188	..	2	1	148		
U-yu-Sada.....	Cherokee Indians.....	52	159	56	195	1 00	12	..	97		
Mrs. Sarah A. Kelly.....	Colored People.....	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*E. L. Marston.....	Boggy Depot Freedmen School.	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*G. W. Dallas.....	Wheelock Freedmen School.....	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*James R. Banks.....	Fort Arbuckle Freedmen School	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*John P. Lawton.....	Red River Freedmen School.....	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Robert A. Leslie.....	{ Creek Freedmen School at } Muskogee.....	26	76	24	..	..	..	..	148
*Miss Mary A. Rounds.....	Lake West Freedmen School.....	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Miss Sarah H. Champney.....	Scullyville Co. Freedmen School	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
KANSAS.											
Elihu Gunn.....	Fort Scott.....	52	133	132	637	36 00	10	..	199		
Joel Reddick.....	Clay Centre.....	4	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wm. Read.....	Clay Centre.....	39	95	51	218	..	..	..	82
I. F. Davis.....	Wichita.....	18	31	16	75	5 00	7	..	172		
A. L. Vail.....	Wichita.....	13	26	13	125	13 00	..	..	99
J. Barratt.....	North Topeka.....	39	254	67	264	96 00	38	..	350		
N. B. Rairden.....	Clyde.....	13	46	19	63	17 00	3	..	270		
Francis Rice.....	Valley Falls.....	39	89	38	92	12 50	..	..	57
J. F. Rairden.....	Republican & Blue Association.	39	132	60	420	75 08	..	..	150
C. G. Manley.....	Augusta.....	39	147	105	252	160 00	11	..	115		
John C. Post.....	{ Along the line of the Atchi- } son, Topeka, and Santa Fe } R. R.....	52	139	64	227	65 00	4	2	117		
W. A. Briggs.....	Blue Rapids and Waterville.....	52	142	50	..	23 59	..	..	129
Granville Gates.....	Emporia.....	46	102	100	340	99 49	8	..	90		
A. S. Merrifield.....	Newton.....	52	170	51	428	109 93	9	1	223		
J. V. Allison.....	Barton and Pawnee Counties.....	52	122	41	418	22 00	11	2	458		
S. E. Faxon, Jr.....	Neosho Valley.....	39	165	68	..	..	4	..	80
D. D. Swindall.....	Wamego.....	52	140	45	..	..	3	1	55
D. Zwick.....	{ Germans in Green Garden } and vicinity.....	39	92	29	205	4 00	..	..	94
Theodore Klinker.....	{ Germans in Ellsworth, Lin- } coln and Mitchell Counties }	13	42	8	70	3 00	..	..	34
C. Monjeau.....	Topeka.....	52	127	80	1090	189 00	15	1	167		
A. H. Post.....	Burrton.....	13	35	30	76	..	..	..	100

* Teachers.

† Not reported.

Names of Missionaries, Teachers, Etc.	Fields of Labor.	Weeks of Labor.	Sermons Preached.	Prayer and other Meet- ings attended.	Families or Persons Religiously Visited.	Contributions to Be- nevolent Objects.	Number Baptized.	Churches Organized.	Teachers and Scholars in Sunday-Schools and Bible Classes.
NEBRASKA.									
J. N. Webb, D.D.	{ District Secretary for Ne- braska and Dakota. }	52	136	...	...	...	7	...	...
James W. McIntosh	Republican Valley	13	39	9	30	...	3	...	132
James W. McIntosh	Riverton, Macon and Bethel.	39	131	52	101	13 80	2	3	168
J. E. Kellogg	Madison and Antelope Counties.	39	116	27	294	4 00	3	1	87
L. B. Wharton	Beatrice	26	58	31	92	...	1	...	75
George Scott	Beatrice	†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mark Noble	Fairbury	52	159	70	883	5 50	4	...	44
Benjamin F. Lawler	Salem and Prairie Union	13	53	4	22	...	2	...	112
Benjamin F. Lawler	Falls City and Rule	26	37	13	37	...	...	...	44
A. J. Wright	Wattsville, Waterville & Plainfield	26	88	34	69	12 00	1	...	280
A. Z. T. Heath	W. Beaver, Mt. Zion & Lincoln Cr'k	26	78	25	134	14 16	10	2	136
J. W. Osborn	Fremont	52	115	73	215	55 00	1	...	111
J. R. Shanafelt	Grand Island and Salem	39	101	53	390	...	13	...	110
John Gunderman	Central City	39	129	46	260	5 00	1	...	165
John Gunderman	Central City	26	90	28	150	16 00	8	...	132
C. B. Carey	Weeping Water	39	83	27	175	30 00	1	...	69
Thornton K. Tyson	Marietta and Rock Creek	26	81	15	266	6 50	4	...	710
G. W. Read	Peru and Highland	52	194	75	369	8 13	15	...	191
N. P. Hotchkiss	Pawnee City	52	184	67	173	...	10	...	98
E. D. Thomas	{ Vesta, Fairview, Johnson, } { and Zion Hill. }	39	125	27	96	29 10	2	...	86
O. A. Buzzell	Juniata and May Flower	52	159	118	241	10 00	12	...	106
Joseph Carson	Edgar and Freedom	39	146	116	188	35 00	6	1	163
G. Petersen	Swedes in Esteina	39	104	39	140	24 85	5	...	28
M. P. Maynard	David City, Oak Creek & Valley	13	35	14	76	...	1	...	...
W. Sanford Gee	Lincoln	39	96	51	183	20 00	1	...	188
J. Lewelling	Thayer County	13	56	36	60	...	20	...	...
Elisha English	Kearney	13	27	43	62	...	...	...	80
Ephraim Hapgood	Seward	39	121	118	364	38 25	1	...	212
G. Koopman	Germans	†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
J. C. Read	Stirling and Tecumseh	†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
R. J. Reynolds	Exeter and Geneva	†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Adolph Ginius	Germans in Omaha	†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
DAKOTA TERRITORY.									
J. P. Coffman	Yankton	26	50	11	130	25 50	1	...	51
A. W. Hilton	{ Sioux Falls, Swan Lake and } { Finlay }	26	63	9	83	6 00	2	...	147
John Wendt	Germans in Southern Dakota	26	69	26	106	...	5	...	...
Nic Tyehsen	Danes in Daneville and vicinity	52	124	53	141	28 00	5	...	39
H. E. Norton	Sioux Falls	26	57	30	55	1 00	...	...	67
COLORADO.									
James French	{ District Secretary for the } { Trans-Mississippi District. }	52	150	...	...	...	...	...	...
Charles M. Jones	Golden	52	118	87	185	37 00	6	1	133
W. A. Caplinger	Pueblo	13	50	40	75	...	10	...	64
I. F. Davis	Pueblo	9	19	9	125	...	...	...	65
A. L. Vail	Colorado Springs	52	106	68	420	62 00	...	...	...
B. H. Yerkes	Greeley	52	148	193	381	91 21	4	1	132
WYOMING TER.									
D. J. Pierce	Laramie and Cheyenne	26	58	29	556	2 60	...	...	141
WASHINGTON TER.									
S. E. Stearns	{ Eastern Oregon, Eastern } { Washington Territory, and } { Western Idaho Territory. }	39	96	14	177	7 15	...	...	56

† Not reported.

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES, TEACHERS, ETC.	FIELDS OF LABOR.							
		Weeks of Labor.	Sermons Preached.	Prayer and other Meet- ings attended.	Families or Persons Religiously Visited.	Contributions to Be- nevolent Objects.	Number Baptized.	Churches Organized. Teachers and Scholars in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.
James A. Wirth.....	Seattle	26	56	48	160	16 00	...	137
Jonathan Wichser.....	Puyallup and vicinity.....	26	42	21	50	2 00	...	70
OREGON.								
Dong Gong.....	{ Chinese in Oregon and } { Washington Territory.... }	26	67	30	150	215 00	1	.....
J. T. Huff.....	Oregon City.....	26	79	50	238	17 50	11 1	108
C. W. Rees.....	The Dalles.....	13	30	28	208	.....	.....	89
C. W. Rees.....	Eugene City.....	13	27	13	300	20 00	.....	220
S. C. Price.....	Eugene City.....	26	49	31	60	34 25	.....	165
James Wells.....	French Prairie Church in Gervais	26	66	27	165	125 00	.....	66
CALIFORNIA.								
Joseph Beaven.....	Salinas City.....	26	73	13	213	19 30	1	109
T. G. McLean.....	Carpenteria and vicinity.....	52	124	79	310	14 00	2	47
J. B. Saxton.....	Red Bluff.....	26	56	28	163	19 75	.....	88
George R. Reed	Alameda.....	39	70	63	80	8 00	.....	66
G. W. Ford.....	Santa Cruz.....	13	28	26	143	5 00	.....	93
John Francis.....	Chinese.....	26	.....	84	.....	.....	2	.....

SUMMARY

OF STATES, RECEIPTS, MISSIONARIES, LABORS, AND RESULTS.

STATES, ETC.	Contributions, Do- nations, and Lega- cies.	No. of Missionaries.	Weeks of Labor.	Sermons Preached.	Prayer & other Meet- ings Attended.	No. of Persons or Families Religiously Visited.	Contributions to Be- nevolent Objects from Churches re- ceiving aid.	No. of Persons Bap- tized.	Churches Organized.	No. of Persons in Sunday-Schools and Bible Classes.
Maine	\$1,282 42	1	52	216	150	3,152		8		80
New Hampshire	1,195 24	1	52	85	65	373		9		89
Vermont	2,159 04	1	52	182	439	144	\$71 33	4	1	77
Massachusetts	23,652 49	4	182	360	142	970		6		391
Rhode Island	4,553 20	3	130	517	223	939		12		342
Connecticut	6,252 60	4	195	39	21	476		1		112
New York	4,760 44	1	13	273	714	423		28		621
New Jersey	9,911 96	6	273	52	149	54		6		153
Pennsylvania	1,239 56	2	52	139	34					
Delaware	5,174 75	4	139							
District of Columbia	225 00									
Maryland	1,971 25	7	267	455	162	1,024		185	2	529
Virginia	103 66	2	104	296	194	560		8		299
West Virginia	220 50	1	52	168	109	628		4		110
Kentucky	6,459 58	15	340	76						
Tennessee	2,816 35	9	253	51	357					256
North Carolina	767 23	6	224	167	79	693		14		265
South Carolina	451 44	7	329	630	298	1,365		29	30	1,073
Georgia	3 08	1	52	200	89	27		51	45	169
Florida	1 85	1	13	17	24	55		12	00	132
Alabama	649 53	5	92	11	17					
Mississippi	10 50	5	81							
Louisiana	10 00	1	39	143	85	902		10	00	320
Arkansas	6,525 32	4	165	454	318	1,022		133	25	296
Michigan	8,125 48	1	52	47	35					
Ohio	986 31	4	182	464	375	1,511		351	21	614
Indiana	3,512 48	3	91	233	87	316		95	50	245
Illinois	218 46	4	104	445	151	1,446		161	32	381
Wisconsin	599 40	35	921	2,793	1,337	5,710		1,262	67	2,154
Minnesota	723 68	9	319	1,036	495	3,045		264	75	1,019
Iowa	53 05	6	208	723	316	1,159		667	30	860
Missouri	65 25	18	669	1,352	703	2,499		107	85	1,205
Indian Territory	247 88	22	796	2,359	1,185	5,384		968	84	3,283
Kansas	704 79	28	884	2,631	1,093	4,706		279	04	2,715
Nebraska	28 50	5	156	362	129	515		60	50	304
Dakota Territory	2 10	1	26	58	29	556		2	60	141
Wyoming Territory	1,664 91	6	230	591	397	1,186		190	21	394
Colorado	60									
Idaho Territory	21 55	3	91	194	83	387		25	15	263
Washington Territory	20 00	5	130	318	179	1,018		411	75	648
Oregon	36 65	6	182	351	293	909		66	05	383
California	25 00									
Canada	880 00									
Eastern German Conference ..	1,455 00									
Western German Conference ..										
Total	\$124,993 69	246	8,140	19,168	9,841	46,711	\$6,782 48	1,172	42	19,923

LEGACIES

Received during the year ending with March 31, 1879.

Mrs. Laura J. Morton, Owego, N. Y., per E. A. Buckbee, in addition.....	\$10 00
Mrs. D. Ammidown, Southbridge, Mass., in part; J. P. Steadman, Executor, for education of colored girl in Shaw University...	75 00
Polly Mitchell, Manchester, N. Y., interest on her Bequest, by Trustees of First Church.....	28 42
Mrs. Betsey Hoyt, Buffalo, N. Y., in addition.....	801 61
Mrs. Hannah B. Roberts, Williston, Pa.....	150 00
Mrs. Sarah H. W. Wright, Seville, Ohio, William Hurlburt, Executor.....	100 00
Rev. W. McD. Potter, Denver, Colorado, in addition, avails of sale of lands.....	1,593 94
Rev. George Matthews, South Dartmouth, Mass., in part.....	25 00
C. R. Cowell, Newark, N. J., in part, C. E. Cowell, Executor...	100 00
Loretta B. Halleck, Deer Park, Ill., per Elihu Howard.....	25 28
Polly Chaffee, Mansfield, R. I., P. P. Bennett, Executor.....	25 00
Chauncey Pond, Springfield, N. Y., in addition, per Thomas Peirce, Executor.....	70 22
Martha Forbes, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in part, Milton A. Fowler, Trustee.....	3,625 00
Mrs. — Heberd, Vincennes, Indiana.....	375 00
Helen L. Mellen, Hopkinton, Mass.....	10 00
Prof. William Ruggles, Washington, D. C., in part, Rev. G. W. Samson, D.D., and A. F. Stothoff, Executors.....	3,333 34
Mrs. Lydia G. Giles, Gloucester, Mass., in part, per Cyrus Story, Administrator.....	1,400 00
Rev. D. Cutler, Unadilla Forks, N. Y., per Mrs. E. N. Cutler....	209 33
Mrs. Kezia Flanagan, Philadelphia.....	100 00
Mrs. Mary G. Hodge, Rockford, Ill., per Rev. W. R. Webb, D.D.	100 00
Aaron S. Lyford, Mt. Vernon, Me., per Calvin Hopkins, Administrator.....	100 00
Ira Keeney, Tunkhannock, Pa.....	25 00
J. P. Roxford, Nashville, Tenn., Interest on his Bequest for Nashville Institute.....	53 75
Mrs. Rebecca Mulford, Evanston, Ill., Rev. Wm. M. Haigh, D.D., Trustee.....	200 00
Mary Jordan, Boston, Mass., H. M. Curren, Executor.....	500 00
Lyman Bradley, Russell, Mass., A. M. and A. J. Bradley, Executors.....	56 59
Mrs. Susan Stone, Gardner, Mass., Annuity per H. L. Bradford, Trustee.....	72 00
Polly Browning, Uncasville, Ct., Annuity per G. D. Jerome, Trustee.....	10 00
John Wallace, Piqua, Ohio, Charles Morris, Executor.....	560 00
Jesse Coolidge, Wilton, Me., for the education of the blacks in the South, per Rev. A. P. Mason, D.D., Trustee.....	400 00
Sarah Chase, Little River, Mass., Charles Chase, Administrator.	25 00
Mrs. Louisa S. Trevor, Yonkers, N. Y., balance, J. B. Trevor and J. Odell, Executors.....	30 00
Ichabod D. Avery, Plymouth, N. Y., in part.....	59 50
Thomas Roblee, Granville, N. Y., per David Brown.....	200 00
Mrs. Catharine K. Foot, Pemberton, N. J.....	300 00
Rev. George Lyle, Arcola, N. J., D. M. Eaton and wife, Administrators.....	100 00
Hannah J. Davis, Allegan, Mich.....	5,057 82
Henry Alger, Rockport, Ohio, in part.....	500 00

DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS FOR LIFE,

Constituted such During the Year.

Life Directors.

Allis, W. W., Sparta, Wis., for services rendered.
 Barney, Rev. B. H., Dayton, Ohio, by E. E. Barney.
 Currier, Rev. J., Harlan, Iowa, by self.
 Glines, Rev. C. A., Cornish Flat, N. H., by Dea. A. Burnap, deceased.
 Hart, D. H., Meriden, Ct., by the Church.
 Hein, Henry, New York, by a deceased brother.
 Hein, Mrs. Sophia, New York, by a deceased brother.
 Hoffman, Hiram, Germantown, Pa., by the 1st Church.
 Hull, Rev. Robert B., New York, by Tabernacle Church.
 Lemen, Rev. G., Lemen, Salem, Mass., by self.
 Martindale, Mrs. Harriet, Kirtland, Ohio, by self.
 Maxom, Rev. D. S., Cleveland, Ohio, by the 1st Church.
 Porter, Mrs. Eliza, Lamoille, Ill., by self.
 Safford, Morgan, Norwich, Ct., by Central Church.
 Thompson, Rev. W. R., West Townsend, Mass., by Wachusett Association.
 Vassar, Rev. Thomas E., Flemington, N. J., by the Church.
 White, Miss Lizzie A., Cambridgeport, Mass., by self.

Life Members.

Allen, Charles S., Chelsea, Mass., by the Carey Ave. Church.
 Applegate, Mrs. Hannah E., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Arnold, Miss Alice J., Providence, R. I., by the Friendship Street Church.
 Arnold, Mrs. Thomas, McGregor, Iowa, by Rev. L. B. Tefft.
 Ashbrook, Mrs. Lucy P., Granville, Ohio, by the Church.
 Austin, Mrs. Rachel, Vermillion, Dakota Territory, by Church and friends.
 Banvard, Mrs. Laurance B., Neponset, Mass., by the Church.
 Bardsley, Henry, Clinton, Mass., by the Church.
 Barker, William E., Albion, N. Y., by self.
 Beach, H. H., Sheboygan Falls, Wis., by Lake Shore Association.
 Beede, J. W. M. D., Auburn, Me., by Court Street Church.
 Bemis, Edward P., Worcester, Mass., by the Main Street Church.
 Bernard, Miss Gracie, Cleveland, Ohio, by Mrs. Rebecca Rouse.
 Berry, William B., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
 Berry, Mrs. Susan L., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
 Boothe, Mrs. Sarah R., Galesburg, Ill., by the Church.
 Boynton, Miss Louisa, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
 Bogson, Mrs. Sarah A., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
 Breckenridge, R. Moss, West Meriden, Ct., by the Church.
 Bridge, Frank, Providence, R. I., by the Friendship Street Church.
 Britton, J. W., Brooklyn, N. Y., by the 6th Avenue Church.
 Burnap, Mrs. Lucy, Cornish Flat, N. Y., by Dea. A. Burnap, deceased.
 Burns, Jabez, Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Marcy Ave. Church.
 Burns, Hiram H., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Candee, John, Bridgeport, Ct., by the 1st Church.
Carpenter, William, Foxboro, Mass., by the Church.

Carter, Wm., Providence, R. I., by the Cranston Street Church.

Caulkins, Mrs. Laura B., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Chamberlain, Mrs. Louisa A., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Champlin, Mrs. Mary A., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Chandler, Lewis B., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Chandler, Elmer E., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Chappell, Mrs. Emily L., New London, Ct.

Chipman, Mrs. W. P., Davisville, R. I., by the Church.

Clark, Rev. R. D., Quincy, Michigan, by the Hillsdale Association.

Coburn, Charles, Fall River, Mass., by the 2d Church.

Cogswell, Mrs. Mary B., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Cole, Robert V., Middleboro, Mass., by the Central Church.

Cook, George R., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Conley, Rev. C. E., Tecumseh, Mich., by the Church.

Cranska, Miss Helen, Thompson, Ct., by the Central Church.

Curtis, Eliza B., Chelsea, Mass., by the Carey Ave. Church.

Daniels, John H., Fitchburg, Mass., by Wachusett Association.

Denison, Edgar W., Washington, D. C., by Calvary Church.

Dodge, Mrs. Hannah H., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Dormer, Louisa E., Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Marcy Ave. Church.

Dudley, Rev. J. H., Kingsville, Ohio, by the Church.

Dukes, E. W., Philadelphia, Pa., by the Sunday School.

Durant, Rev. Munday, Muskogee, Indian Territory, by Rev. S. W. Marston, D. D.

Eldridge, Mrs. Clara, Worcester, Mass., by Main Street Church.

Ellis, H. M., Worcester, Mass., by Main Street Church.

Estes, Miss Sylvia P., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Evans, Benjamin, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Herkimer Street Church.

Farnham, Rev. Edwin P., Providence, R. I., by Friendship Street Church.

Farnham, Rev. S. T., Malone, N. Y., by the Church.

Fiske, Andrew J., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Flandrau, Alexander J., Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Marcy Ave. Church.

Fogg, Charles E., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Frear, James, Factoryville, Pa., by the Church.

Fulton, Mrs. Emma, Winterset, Iowa, by the Church.

Fuller, Miss Grace, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Gage, George E., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Gardner, E. W., Lodi, Wis., by Church and Sunday School.

Gilbert, Miss Lucia B., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Gleason, Jared, Harlem, N. Y., Mount Morris Church.

Goldsmith, Mrs. Anna G., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Goodman, Edward, Chicago, Ill., by self.

Gorham, Alfred, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Gould, Miss Mary W., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Griffith, J. W., Gilead, Ohio, by self.

Gripping, Thomas B., Troy, N. Y., by the 1st Church.

Hadcock, Mrs. Mary T., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Hadcock, Charles C., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Hagar, Harry, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Hagar, Charles E., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Harris, Miss Fannie K., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Harris, Miss Louisa W., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Harris, Miss Flora L., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Haskell, Mrs. Fidelia, Worcester, Mass., by Main Street Church.

Hastings, Mrs. Sarah E., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

Hawkins, James C., Clarksville, Pa., by the Church.

Hayes, Mrs. Charlotte, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

- Hayes, Miss Henrietta, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Henry, Mrs. Maria, Huntingdon, Pa., by self.
- Higgins, Mrs. Fannie E., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Hight, A. J., Huntingdon, Pa., by self.
- Hill, Mrs. A. S. C., Hanover, Mass., by the Church.
- Hill, Miss Hannah L., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Hoffman, Hiram, Germantown, Pa.
- Hollis, William H., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Holmes, Rev. J. S., Adrian, Mich., by the Church.
- Holmes, Miss Eva A., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Hull, John, Ludlow, Vt., by the Church.
- Hunt, Miss Sybilla B., Lambertsville, N. J., by the Church.
- Hurd, Miss Anna E., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Hurd, Miss Lydia, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Hurd, Miss Elizabeth, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Ireland, Rinaldo, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Ireland, Mrs. Frances E., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Jacobs, C. P., Indianapolis, Ind., by North Church and Sunday School.
- Jillson, Mrs. Clara L., Providence, R. I., by Cranston Street Church.
- Jewell, Mrs. E. A., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Johnston, Rev. J. A., Ludlow, Vt., by the Church.
- Johnson, Henry C., Saxton's River, Vt., by the Church.
- Johnston, Thomas S., Huntingdon, Pa., by self.
- Jones, Mrs. Sarah W., New London, Ct.
- Jordan, Thomas M., Providence, R. I., Friendship Street Church.
- Joaselyn, Mrs. Frances, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Kaler, L. B., Phenixville, Pa., by the Church.
- Karcher, Miss Lizzie K., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Kemp, Nathaniel B., Jamaica Plain, Mass.
- King, Abel, Suffield, Ct., by the 2d Church.
- King, C. G., Cleveland, Ohio, by self.
- Learned, Mrs. Susan M., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Lightner, James B., Shirleysburg, Pa., by the Church.
- Little, Mrs. Clarinda, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Locke, John, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Lock, Henry A., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Locke, Miss Harriet S., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Locke, Frank, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Lombard, Walter E., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Lowell, Miss Helen, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Lyon, Miss Annie L., Loudenville, Ohio, by the Church.
- McCoye, Frank H., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- McCoye, William B., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- McKusick, Mrs. Martha E., Cambridge, Mass., by 1st Church.
- Marshall, Alden B., Newton, Mass., by the Church.
- Marshall, Mrs. Clara C., Newton, Mass., by the Church.
- Martin, Thomas, Chelsea, Mass., by Carey Ave. Church.
- Matson, Zephaniah, Bridgeport, Ct., by the 1st Church.
- Medbury, Rev. A. R., Milwaukee, Wis., by Lake Shore Association.
- Montague, Dwight W., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Morehouse, Rev. H. L., Rochester, N. Y., by East Ave. Church.
- Morris, Marshall E., Bridgeport, Ct., by 1st Church.
- Morris, Mrs. C. D., Toledo, Ohio, by the Church.
- Moxom, Mrs. D. S., Cleveland, Ohio, by Mrs. Rebecca Rouse.
- Myer, Abram, Kingston, N. Y., by the Church.
- Neal, Mrs. Georgie C., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Nyce, Miss Sarah Oliver, Phenixville, Pa., by the Church.
- Olds, Mrs. Susie, Bridgeport, Ct., by the 1st Church.
- Paddock, Mrs. E. K., Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Marcy Ave. Church.
- Paine, James L., Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.
- Palme, Mrs. Katie, Cambridge, Mass., by the 1st Church.

- Patterson, Rev. J. B. T., Wooster, Ohio, by the Church.
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CHARTER OF THE SOCIETY.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society was originally incorporated by Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed April 12, 1843. This charter was amended Feb. 9, 1849, and further amended April 30, 1877. In its present form the Charter is as follows :

§ 1. All such persons as now are, or may hereafter become, members of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the City of New York, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, shall be, and hereby are constituted a body corporate, by the name of "The American Baptist Home Mission Society," for the purpose of promoting the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

§ 2. This Corporation shall be capable of taking, holding or receiving any property, real or personal, by virtue of any devise or bequest contained in any last will and testament of any person whomsoever, the clear annual income of which devise or bequest shall not exceed ten thousand dollars ; provided, that every such bequest or devise shall be subject to the provisions of the act three hundred and sixty, of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty. It shall be lawful for this Corporation to establish and maintain schools in connection with its missionary work among the colored population of the United States, now generally known as freedmen, and also among the Indians of North America, and for that purpose to take and hold necessary real estate, and to receive, accumulate, and hold in trust endowment funds for the support of such schools, provided that the annual income of real estate and endowment funds held for the use and maintenance of such schools shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars. The net annual income of the said Society arising from their real estate, other than that held for school purposes, shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

§ 3. This Corporation shall possess the general powers and be subject to the provisions contained in title third of chapter eighteen of the first part of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same are applicable and have not been repealed.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

§ 5. The Legislature may at any time modify or repeal this Act.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

I.—This Society shall be called the AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

OBJECT.

II.—The object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

MEMBERSHIP.

III.—The Society shall be composed of Annual Delegates, Life Members, and Life Directors. Any Baptist Church in union with the denomination may appoint a delegate for an annual contribution of ten dollars, and an additional delegate for each additional thirty dollars. Thirty dollars shall be requisite to constitute a Member for life; and one hundred dollars paid at one time, or a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be requisite to constitute a Director for Life.

OFFICERS.

IV.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Auditors, one or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Recording Secretary.

MANAGERS.

V.—There shall be fifteen managers, also residing chiefly in the City of New York, or its vicinity, who shall be divided by lot among themselves into three classes of five members each. The term of service of the first class shall expire in one year, that of the second class in two years, and that of the third class in three years. At each annual meeting of the Society, after the first election under this amended Constitution, one class only shall be elected for the term of three years, to the end that the third part of the whole number of the managers, as nearly as possible, may be annually chosen; provided, however, that vacancies remaining in any class may be filled for the unexpired term of that class. The officers and managers shall be elected by ballot, and continue to discharge their official duties until superseded by a new election.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

VI.—The Treasurer, Auditors, Recording Secretary, and Managers of the Society shall constitute the Executive Board, to conduct the business of the Society, seven of whom shall be a quorum for that purpose. They shall have power to appoint their own meetings, elect their own Chairman and Recording Secretary, enact their own By-Laws and Rules of Order, provided, always, that they be not inconsistent with this Constitution; fill all vacancies which may occur in their own body, or in the offices of the Society during the year, and, if deemed necessary by two-thirds of the members, convene special meetings of the Society. They shall establish such agencies as the interest of the Society may require, appoint agents and missionaries, fix their compensations, direct and instruct them concerning their particular fields and labors, make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury, and present the Society, at each annual meeting, a full report of their proceedings during the current year.

DESIGNATED FUNDS.

VII.—All moneys or other property contributed and designated for any particular missionary field or purpose shall be so appropriated, or returned to the donors or their lawful agents.

TREASURER.

VIII.—The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Board shall think proper.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPOINTMENT.

IX.—All the Officers, Managers, Missionaries, and Agents of the Society shall be members in good standing in regular Baptist churches.

ANNUAL MEETING.

X.—The Society shall meet annually for the election of Officers and Managers, and the transaction of other necessary business, at such time and place as the Executive Board shall appoint.

ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

XI.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed in writing and the proposition sustained by a majority vote, at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Board.

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FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.—“I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in New York in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two, the sum of — for the general purposes of said Society.”

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